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LIFE IS BUT A DREAM

for A Cappella Choir

Text by Eliphalet Oram Lyte*)

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♩ = ca. 120, **allegro moderato**, cheerful

Soprano
f (molto)
Row, row, row your boat, Gen-tly down the stream. Mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, Life is but a dream. —

Alto
f (molto)
Row, row, row your boat, Gen-tly down the stream. Mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, Life is but a dream. —

Tenor

Bass
f (molto)
Row,

Sop.
5
f
Gen-tly down the stream.

Alto
f
Gen-tly down the stream. *f*
Row,

Ten.
f (molto)
Row, row your boat, Gen-tly down the stream. Mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, Life is but a dream. —

Bass
— row, row your boat, Gen-tly down the stream. Mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, Life is but a dream. Row,

*) Based on *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*, attributed to Eliphalet Oram Lyte (1842-1913), *The Franklin Square Song Collection* (1881, New York). Text in the public domain.

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9 *(f)*

Sop. Row, row, row your boat, Gen - tly down the stream.

Alto — row, row your boat, Gen - tly down the stream. Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly,

Ten. *mf*

Bass — row, row — Row, row, row your boat,

12 *Allegro con moto*
(sempre ♩ = ca. 120)

Sop. *ff* Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, Life is but a Life Life is but a Life dream. *mf*

Alto *ff* Life is but a dream. Life is but a Life Life is but a Life dream. *mf*

Ten. *ff* Row, row, row your boat, Life Life is Life Life is but a dream. *mf*

Bass *ff* Gen - tly down the stream. Life Life is Life Life is but a dream. *mf*

*) Sing low 'C' if unable to sing high 'C'.

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16 *p* *mf*

Sop. (m) Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly down the stream.

Alto (m) Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly

Ten. (m) stream.

Bass dream. dream. dream. dream. dream.

22 *pp* *mf*

Sop. Row, row, row, row, row, row dream.

Sop. 2 Row, row, row, row, row, row dream.

Alto Gen - tly down the stream. Row, row, row, row, row, row Row, row,

Alto 2 Row, row, row, row, row, row Row, row,

Ten. stream. dream. Row, row,

Ten. 2 Row, row,

Bass dream. dream. Life is but a dream.

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Sop. *p* Gen - tly dream. *mf* Gen-tly down the

Sop. 2 *p* Gen - tly dream. *mf* Gen-tly down the

Alto *mf* *f* *p (molto)* *mf* *p*
 row, row, row, row, row, row, Row, row, row, row, row, row Gen - tly down the stream.

Alto 2 *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *p*
 row, row, row, row, row, row, Row, row, row, row, row, row Gen - tly down the stream.

Ten. *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *p*
 row, row, row, row, row, row, Row, row, row, row, row, row Gen - tly down the stream.

Ten. 2 *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *p*
 row, row, row, row, row, row, Row, row, row, row, row, row Gen - tly down the stream.

Bass *p* Gen - tly dream. *mf* down the stream. *p*

Bass 2 *p* Gen - tly dream. *mf* down the stream. *p*

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Sop. 1
stream. Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly

Sop. 2
stream. Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly

Alto
(p) mf

Ten.
8 stream.

Bass

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Sop. 1
> down the stream. Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly row, row stream - ing stream - ing

Sop. 2
> down the stream. Gen - tly down the stream. Gen - tly row, row stream - ing stream - ing

Alto
down stream - - - - - ing stream - ing stream - ing

Alto 2
down stream - - - - - ing stream - ing stream - ing

Ten.
8 down stream - - - - - ing stream.

Bass
mf f

Up stream.

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two voices *)
mp / mf
 50
 Sop. stream - ing row Gen - tly Gen - tly Gen - tly stream - ing tutti
 Sop. 2 stream - ing row
 Alto stream - ing row down row down down stream. tutti
 Alto 2 stream - ing row
 Ten. 8 row the stream. the stream. the stream. tutti
 Ten. 2 row
 Bass row

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 Sop. stream - ing stream - ing stream - ing row - - - ing stream - ing stream - ing Gen - tly
 Alto row stream - ing Gen - tly
 Ten. 8 lass dich
 Bass

*) Divide as necessary: gentle accents in this section should be used to help emphasize line between all voices.

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Sop. *f* (German)

float - ing float - ing float - ing gent - ly float - ing lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

Sop. 2 *f* (German)

float - ing float - ing float - ing gent - ly float - ing lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

Alto *f* (German)

float down the stream. Durch Was - ser und durch Schaum lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

Alto 2 *f* (German)

float down the stream. Durch Was - ser und durch Schaum lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

Ten. *f*

trei - ben, trei - ben, trei - ben, trei - - - ben, lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

Ten. 2 *f*

trei - ben, trei - ben, trei - ben, trei - - - ben, lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

Bass *f* (German)

lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

Bass 2 *f* (German)

lass dich trei - ben, trei - ben,

The image shows a page of a musical score for the song 'Life is but a Dream'. It features four vocal parts: Soprano (Sop.), Soprano 2 (Sop. 2), Alto, and Alto 2, Tenor (Ten.), Tenor 2 (Ten. 2), Bass, and Bass 2. The score is in German and includes the lyrics 'float - ing', 'float - ing', 'float - ing', 'gent - ly', 'float - ing', 'lass dich', 'trei - ben,', and 'trei - ben,'. The music is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte) and *f* (German). The page number 66 is indicated at the top left, and the page number 7 is indicated at the top right.