

## The Life of a Man

As I was a - - walk - - ing one eve - - ning at ease, \_\_\_\_\_ a  
view - ing the leaves as they flew [sic] on the tree, \_\_\_\_\_ And all in full  
mo - tion a - pear - ing to grow. When the time comes a - long, \_\_\_\_\_ down they must go.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. There are three blank lines (represented by underscores) in the lyrics, corresponding to gaps in the musical notation.

Chorus:

What's the life of a man any more than the leaves?  
A man has his season, then why should he grieve?  
Although in this life he appears fine and gay  
Like the leaves he must wither and soon fade away.

2. In autumn I walked once again the same road  
The leaves they were turning to silver and gold.  
But first came a frost and then came a storm.  
The leaves they were withered, down they did fall.

Source: Sung by Dick Parsons, Shurdington. Collected by Gwilym Davies 27 September 1975

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