

The Life of a Man

1. As I was out walk - ing one morn - ing at my ease, _____ a
view - ing the leaves as they fell from the trees. They were all in full mo - tion ap -
pear - ing to be _____ and those that were with - ered _____ they fell from the tree.

Chorus

What is the life of a man an - - y more than the leaves? A
man has _____ his seas - son _____ so why _____ should he grieve? Al - though for a time he ap -
pears blithe and gay, like the leaves he must with - er _____ and soon fade a - way.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Life of a Man'. It consists of six staves of music in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with the lyrics '1. As I was out walk - ing one morn - ing at my ease, _____ a'. The second staff continues with 'view - ing the leaves as they fell from the trees. They were all in full mo - tion ap -'. The third staff concludes the first verse with 'pear - ing to be _____ and those that were with - ered _____ they fell from the tree.'. The fourth staff is labeled 'Chorus' and begins with 'What is the life of a man an - - y more than the leaves? A'. The fifth staff continues with 'man has _____ his seas - son _____ so why _____ should he grieve? Al - though for a time he ap -'. The sixth staff concludes the chorus with 'pears blithe and gay, like the leaves he must with - er _____ and soon fade a - way.'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties.

2. Now don't you remember a short while ago
The leaves were in full motion apparently so
A frost came upon them and withered them up
The rain came upon them and down they did drop.

Chorus

3. If you go in yonder churchyard, many names there you will find
Old friends have left this wide world like leaves in the wynd
Old age and affliction on them it did call
And those that were withered, all down they did fall.

Chorus

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