

The Bold Fisherman

As I was a - walk - ing one morn - - ing at ease,
A - - view - ing the leaves as they hung from the trees,
They were all in full mo - tion or ap - - pear - - ing to be,
And ___ those that were with - er'd, they fell from the tree.
Then what is the life of a man, an - y more ___ than the leaves,
A man has his sea - sons, so why should he grieve;
Even though in this wide world he ap - pears bright and gay,
Like the leaves we shall wi - ther and soon fade a - way.

The musical score is written on eight staves in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and slurs. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the fifth staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

I was a-walking one morning at ease,
A-viewing the leaves as they hung from the trees,
They were all in full motion or appearing to be,
And those that were wither'd, they fell from the tree.

(Chorus)

Then what is the life of a man, any more than the leaves,
A man has his seasons, so why should he grieve;
Even though in this wide world he appears bright and gay,
Like the leaves we shall wither and soon fade away.

Did you not see the leaves but a short time ago?
They were all in full motion appearing to grow,
When the frost came upon them and wither'd them all
Then the rain came upon them and down they did fall.

If you go down to yonder churchyard, many names there you'll see,
Who have fallen from this world like the leaves from trees;
What with age and affliction upon us all,
Like the leaves we will wither and down we shall fall.