

# DYING TAPER

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Treble

1 What is life? 'tis but a va - pour, soon it  
2 See that glo - ry, how re - splen - dent! bright - er

Alto

3 Joy - ful crowds. his throne sur - round - ing, sing with  
4 Go, and share his peo - ple's glo - ry; 'midst the

Tenor

1 What is life? 'tis but a vap - our, soon it  
2 See that glo - ry, how re - splen - dent! bright - er

Bass

3 Joy - ful crowds, his throne sur - round - ing, sing with  
4 Go, and share his peo - ple's glo - ry; 'midst the

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Tr.

van - ish - es a - way; *pp* Life is like a  
far than fan - cy paints, There in ma - jes -

A.

rap - ture of his love. *pp* Through the heav'ns his  
ran - som'd crowd ap - pear; Thine a joy - ful,

T.

van - ish - es a - way; *pp* Life is like a  
far that fan - cy paints, There in ma - jes -

B.

rap - ture of his love. *pp* Through the heav'ns his  
ran - som'd crowd ap - pear; Thine a joy - ful

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Tr.

dy - ing ta - per, O my soul, why long to stay?  
-ty trans - cen - dent. Je - sus reigns, the King of saints,

A.

prais - es sound - ing, fill - ing all the courts a - bove:  
wond - 'rous sto - ry, one that an - gels love to hear:

T.

dy - ing ta - per, O my soul, why long to stay?  
-ty trans - cen - dent. Je - sus reigns, the King of saints,

B.

prais - es sound - ing, fill - ing all the courts a - bove:  
wond - 'rous sto - ry, one that an - gels love to hear:

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*mf*

Tr. Why not spread your wings and fly  
 Spread thy wings, my soul and fly

A. Spread thy wings, my soul and fly  
 Spread thy wings my soul and fly

T. Why not spread your wings and fly  
 Spread your wings my soul and fly

B. Spread thy wings my soul and fly  
 Spread thy wings my soul and fly

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Tr. straight to yon - der world of joy? *p* Why not spread thy  
 straight to yon - der world of joy, Spread thy wings, my

A. straight to yon - der world of joy, *p* Spread thy wings, my  
 straight to yon - der world of joy, Spread thy wings, my

T. straight to yon - der world of joy?  
 straight to yon - der world of joy.

B. straight to yon - der world of joy,  
 straight to yon - der world of joy. *Inst.*

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Tr. wings and fly straight to yon - der world of joy?  
 soul, and fly straight to yon - der world of joy.

A. soul, and fly straight to yon - der world of joy.  
 soul, and fly straight to yon - der world of joy.

T. straight to yon - der world of joy.  
 straight to yon - der world of joy.

B. straight to yon - der world of joy.  
 straight to yon - der world of joy.

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