

PSALM 39  
(SSAA)

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# Psalm 39

for SSAA a cappella choir

Text: adapted from KJV

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$\text{♩} = 68$

Soprano *mf* Lord, make me to know mine end, and the mea-sure of my days, what it is:

Alto *mf* Lord, make me to know mine end, and the mea - sure of my days, what it is:

5 *cresc.* *f* that I may know how frail I am, *mf* that I may know how

A *f* that I may know how frail I am, *mf* that I may know how

10 *dim.* *mp* *mf* frail I am. Be - hold, thou hast made my days as a hand breadth;

A *mp* *mf* frail I am. Be - hold, thou hast made my days as a hand breadth;

16 *rit.* *urgently* ♩ = 84

S and mine age is as no - thing be - fore — thee: *mf* ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is

A and mine age is as no - thing be - fore thee: *mf* ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is

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S al - to - geth - er van - i - ty, ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is al - to - geth - er van - i - ty,

A al - to - geth - er van - i - ty, ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is al - to - geth - er van - i - ty,

26

S al - to - geth - er van - i - ty. Sure - ty ev - ery man walk - eth in — a vain shew, in — a vain shew:

A al - to - geth - er van - i - ty. Sure - ly ev - ery man walk - eth in a vain shew, in a vain shew:

29 *mp*

S He heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not who shall gath - er them, who shall

A *mp* He heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not who shall gath - er them, who shall

36

S gath - er them, he heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not who shall gath - er them,

A gath - er them, he heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not who shall gath - er them,

42

S who shall gath - er them. Ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is

A who shall gath - er them. Ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is

48

S al - to - geth - er van - i - ty, *f* ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is

A al - to - geth - er van - i - ty, *f* ver - i - ly ev - er - y man at his best state is

54

S al - to - geth - er van - i - ty, al - to - geth - er van - i - ty. Sure - ly ev - ery man walk - eth

A al - to - geth - er van - i - ty, al - to - geth - er van - i - ty. Sure - ly ev - ery man walk - th

59

S in a vain shew, in a vain shew: *mp* He heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not who shall

A in a vain shew, in a vain shew: *mp* He heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not who shall

65

S gath - er them, who shall gath - er them, he heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not

A gath - er them, who shall gath - er them, he heap - eth up rich - es, and know - eth not

71 *rit.*

S who shall gath - er them, who shall gath - er them. *f* And now, Lord, what wait I for?

A who shall gath - er them, who shall gath - er them. *f* And now, Lord, what wait I for?

78 *a tempo* *rit.* *pleading* ♩ = 64

S *ff* My hope is in thee, *mp* my hope is in thee. *mf* Hear my prayer, O

A *ff* My hope is in thee, *mp* my hope is in thee. *mf* Hear my prayer, O

84 *mp*

S Lord, and give ear un-to my cry; Hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, hear my

A Lord, and give ear un-to my cry; Hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, hear my

90 *mf*

S prayer; Hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stran-ger with thee,

A prayer; Hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stran-ger with thee,

96 *rit.* *a tempo* *mf*

S I am a stran - ger, and a so-journ - er, as all my fath - ers were. Lord,

A I am a stran - ger, and a so-journ - er, as all my fath - ers were. Lord,

100

S *mp* make me to know mine end and the mea-sure of my days, what it is. *dim.* O spare me,

A *mp* make me to know mine end and the mea-sure of my days, what it is. O spare me,

105

S *p* O spare me, — be-fore I go — hence, and be no more.

A *p* O spare me, — and be no more.

*rit.*

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