

Turn Back O Man

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Melody 'The Old 124th Psalm'
from the Genevan Psalter arranged
Gustav Holst

Andante maestoso *p*

SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS
ORGAN

Turn back O Man, for - swear thy fool-ish ways.
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*The chorus is unaccompanied in the first verse
save for the moving figure in the bass.

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Old now is Earth, and none may count her days, Yet thou, her child, whose
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head is crowned with flame, Still will not hear thine in - ner God pro - claim

head is crowned with flame, Still will not hear thine in - ner God pro - claim_

head is crowned with flame, Still will not hear thine in - ner God pro - claim

head is crowned with flame, Still will not hear thine in - ner God pro - claim_

The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a steady eighth-note bass line.

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'Turn back, O Man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways'

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The piano accompaniment features a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a steady eighth-note bass line. There is a change in time signature from 3/4 to 4/4 at measure 20.

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Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, Age af- ter age their

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, Age af- ter age their

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tra- gic em- pires rise. Built while they dream, and in that dream- ing weep. _____

tra gic em pires rise. Built while they dream, and in that dream- ing weep. _____

Earth might be

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p

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

fair and all men glad and wise

Age af - ter

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Age af - ter age their tra - gic em - pires rise. Built while they

Age af - ter age their tra - gic em - pires rise.

age their tra - gic em - pires rise. Built while they

Built while they dream and in their dream - ing weep.

46 *poco accel. e cresc.*

dream and in their dream - ing weep.

Built while they dream and in their dream - ing weep.

dream and in their dream - ing weep Would man but

Would man but wake from

poco accel. e cresc.

50 *molto cresc.*

Would man but wake from out his haunt - ed sleep

Would man but wake from out his haunt - ed sleep Earth might be fair and

wake from out his haunt - ed sleep Earth might be

out his haunt - ed sleep Earth

molto cresc.

54

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

all men glad and wise.

fair and all men glad and wise.

might be fair and all men glad and wise.

8va

Tempo 1

57 *ff*

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one.

ff

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Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.

Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.

Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.

Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.

67

Now e - ven now, once more from earth to sky.

Now e - ven now, once more from earth to sky.

Now e - ven now, once more from earth to sky.

Now e - ven now, once more from earth to sky.

72

Peals forth in joy man's old un - daun - ted cry "Earth shall be

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Peals forth in joy man's old un - daun - ted cry "Earth shall be

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fair and all her folk be one!"

fair and all her folk be one!"

fair and all her folk be one!"

fair and all her folk be one!"