

Music for a while (Am)

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The musical score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. The bass staff starts with a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The music is in common time, with key changes indicated by sharps and flats. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the bass staff. The score is divided into six systems by vertical bar lines.

Mus - sic,

mu - sic, for a while shall all your Cares be - guile; - - shall all, all, all, shall all, all,

all, - - shall all your Cares be - guile; Won - - - dring, won - - -

- dring how your Pains - - - were eas'd, eas'd, eas'd, and dis-

dain- ing - to be - pleas'd till A - lec - - to free - - - the - Dead, till A - lec -

- to free the Dead, from their E - ter - - - - - - - nal, E - ter - - -

- - - - - nal Band; till the snakes drop, drop, drop, drop, drop,

 25 drop, drop, drop, drop, from - her - Head; and the Whip, and the Whip from out her

 30 Hand; Mu- sic, mu - sic for a - while shall all your cares be-

 35 guile, - - shall all, all, all, shall all, all, all, - - shall all your cares be- guile; all, all, all,

 all, all, all, all, shall all your cares be- guile.