

I Shall Not Live in Vain

SSA and Piano with Opt. Flute*

Words by Emily Dickinson (1830–1886)
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A musical staff showing three voices: Soprano I (top), Soprano II (middle), and Alto (bottom). The music consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The Soprano I part has a treble clef, the Soprano II part has a soprano clef, and the Alto part has a bass clef.

(1) With expression ($\text{♩} = 69\text{--}72$)

A musical score for SSA and piano. The vocal parts are Soprano I (SI), Soprano II (SII), and Alto (A). The piano part is at the bottom. The score includes lyrics: "If I can stop one heart from break - ing,—" repeated for each voice. Measure numbers 1 through 4 are indicated. The piano part features a prominent bass line. The vocal parts enter sequentially, starting with Soprano I. The music is in common time, with some measures in 3/4 time. Dynamics like *mp* (mezzo-piano) are marked. The piano part includes a flute part.

Performance time: ca. 3:00

*Flute part is on page 12. Also available: Performance/Accompaniment CD (CGECD40).

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I shall not live in vain; If
I shall not live in vain; If
I shall not live in vain; If

8

I can ease one life the ach-ing, or cool one
I can ease one life the ach-ing, or cool one
I can ease one life the ach-ing, or cool one

10

pain,
or help one faint - ing rob - in
un -
pain,
or help one faint - ing rob - in
un -
pain,
or help one faint - ing rob - in
un -

12

to his nest a - gain, I shall not live in
to his nest a - gain, I shall not live in
to his nest a - gain, I shall not live in

14

vain. I shall not live, I shall not
vain. I shall not live, I shall not
vain. I shall not live, I shall not

mf

mf

mf

mf

16

live, I shall not live in vain. I shall not
live, I shall not live in vain. I shall not
live, I shall not live in vain. I shall not

mf

mf

mf

mf

24

mf

*If

*If

*If

27

I can sow some seeds of kind - ness, _____ I shall not live in

I can sow some seeds of kind - ness, _____ I shall not live in

I can sow some seeds of kind - ness, _____ I shall not live in

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