

SATB

Time Is

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Christopher Alexander

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SATB and One-Hand Piano

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

Henry Van Dyke's text illustrates the relentless nature of time and its many blessings and perils. The staccato repetition of "time is" is constant throughout the work, and while everybody's notes may happen at different times and may seem odd by themselves they will fit together in performance.

Every voice part gets a chance to shine in their own line from the poem and leading the other voices to modulate toward a new key center each time. Though seemingly a cappella, the one-hand piano part simulates the never-ending ticking of the clock while also being a root to the chording harmonizations happening with the voices. A unique challenge for advanced high school and collegiate choirs. Enjoy!

*Time is
Too slow for those who Wait,
Too swift for those who Fear,
Too long for those who Grieve,
Too short for those who Rejoice;
But for those who Love,
Time is not.*

— Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

3rd Place Winner, 2024 Palouse Choral Society Composition Contest

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Words by
HENRY VAN DYKE

Music by
CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

Strict, like a ticking clock (♩ = 100)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

One-Hand Piano

Strict, like a ticking clock (♩ = 100)

mp

5

S

mp

Time is, time is, time is, time

A

mp

Time is, time is, time is, time is,

T

B

5

Time Is

9

S
is, time is, time is time is, time is, time is

A
time is, time is, time is time is, time is, time is

T

B

9

S
Too slow, too slow, time is too slow,

A
Too slow, too slow, time is

T

B

13

17

S time is, time is too slow for those who Wait,

A too slow, too slow for those who Wait,

T

B

21

mp

S time is, time is, time is, time is,

mp

A time is, time is, time is, time is, time is,

mp

T Time is, time is, time is, time

mp

B Time is, time is, time is, time is,

mp

Time Is

25

S
time is, time is, time is, time is,

A
time is, time is, time is,

T
8 is, time is, time is, time is,

B
time is, time is, time is, time is,

29

S
time is, time is, time is, time is,

A
time is, time is, time is, time is,

T
8 time is, time is,

B
mf too switt, *p* too switt

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