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Gather Ye Rosebuds While Ye May - Christopher Alexander

SATB Chorus unaccompanied

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Robert Herrick
(1591–1674)

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(ASCAP)

Andante (♩ = ca. 72)

mf

Soprano
Alto

Gath - er ye rose - buds while_ ye may, Old time is still a - fly - ing; And

Tenor
Bass

Gath - er ye rose - buds while_ ye may, Old time is still a - fly - ing; And

this same flow'r that smiles_ to-day To - mor - row will be dy - ing.

this same flow'r that smiles to-day To - mor - row will be dy - ing.

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The glo - rious lamp of heav'n the sun, The high - er he's a - get - ting, The

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13 *rit.* *Fine*

soon - er will his race_ be run, And near - er he's to set - ting.

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Inspired by "Of All the Birds" by John Donne (1565–1620)

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Much slower (♩. = ca. 48)

17 *mp*

That age is best which is the first, When youth and blood are warm - er; But

That age is best which is the first, When youth and blood are warm - er; But

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be - ing spent, the worse, and worst Times still suc - ceed the form - er.

be - ing spent, the worse, and worst Times still suc - ceed the form - er.

Faster (♩. = ca. 64)

25 *f*

Then be not coy, but use your time, And, while ye may, go mar - ry; For,

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Tempo II (♩. = ca. 48)

molto rit.

D.C. al Fine

hav - ing lost but once your prime, You may for - ev - er tar - ry.

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