

# I Live My Life

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**PERUSAL**

**COPY**

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The musical score is for the piece "I Live My Life" and includes the following parts:

- Vocal Parts:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano part begins with the word "PERUSAL" in large, bold letters. The other vocal parts have rests.
- String Parts:** Primo and Secundo. The Primo part has rests for the first four measures, followed by a half note with a *mf* dynamic. The Secundo part starts with a *f* dynamic, followed by a *p* dynamic, and ends with a *mf* dynamic. It includes a *sim.* (sustained) marking and a "With Pedal" instruction.

Tempo and dynamics markings include  $\bullet = 116$  (quarter note), "Lively and Determined", *f*, *p*, *mf*, and *sim.*

5

S

A

T

B

5

Pri.

PERUSAL

5

Sec.

11

S

A

T

B

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11

Pri.

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11

Sec.

17

S

A

T

B

17

Pri.

PERUSAL

Sec.

23

S

A

T

B

*mf* I live my

*mf* I live, I live, I live.

23

Pri.

*dim.*

*mf*

Sec.

*dim.*

*mf*

30

S life in grow - ing or - bits which move out o'er the

A life in grow - ing or - bits which move out o'er the

T I live my life in grow ing or - bits which

B I live my life in grow - ing or - bits which

Pri.

30

Sec.

30

35

S things of the world. *f* I live my

A things of the world. *f* I live my life in grow - ing

T move out o'er the things of the world. I live, I

B move out o'er the things of the world. I live, I

Pri.

35

Sec.

35

40 *div.* move out \_\_\_\_\_ o'er the \_\_\_\_\_

S life \_\_\_\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which move \_\_\_\_\_ out o'er \_\_\_\_\_ the

A or - bits which move \_\_\_\_\_ out o'er \_\_\_\_\_ the things of the world. I

T live, *f* I live my life \_\_\_\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which

B live, *f* I live my life \_\_\_\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which

Pri. *qua-* my life \_\_\_\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which

Sec.

45 *mix.* things of the world. I live, I live, I live, I

S things of the world. I live, I live, I live, I

A live, I live, I live, I live.

T move out \_\_\_\_\_ o'er the \_\_\_\_\_ things of the world. I live, I

B move \_\_\_\_\_ out o'er \_\_\_\_\_ the things of the world. I live, I

Pri. *qua-* my life \_\_\_\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which

Sec.

50 *dim.* *Husband and intense* C

S live, I live. *dim.* *mp* Per - haps I

A live. *dim.* *mp* Per - haps I

T live, I live. *dim.* *mp* Per - haps I can

B live, I live. *dim.* *mp* Per - haps I can

50 *dim.* *Husband and intense* C

Pri. **PERUSAL** *mp*

Sec. *dim.* *mp*

8<sup>b</sup> *dim.* *mp*

56 **COPY**

S can nev - er a - chieve the last.

A can nev - er a - chieve the last.

T nev - er a - chieve the last.

B nev - er a - chieve the last.

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Pri. nev - er a - chieve the last.

Sec. 56

61

S *ff* A - chieve the last. *mp* A - chieve the

A *ff* A - chieve the last. *mp* A - chieve the

T *ff* A - chieve the last. *mp* A - chieve the

B *ff* A - chieve the last. *mp* A - chieve the

61

Pri. *ff* *mp*

Sec. *ff* *mp*

67

S last. But that will be my at -

A last. But that will be my at -

T last. But that will be my at -

B last. But that will be my at -

67

Pri. last. But that will be my at -

Sec. last. But that will be my at -

72 *molto rit.*

S tempt, that will be my at - tempt.

A tempt, that will be my at - tempt.

T tempt, that will be my at - tempt.

B tempt, that will be my at - tempt.

72 *molto rit.*

Pri. PERUSAL

Sec. *molto rit.*

77 *Expressively* E ♩ = 96

S *mf* I am cir - - cling a - round God. I am cir - -

A *mf* I am cir - - cling a - round God. I am

T *mf* I am cir - - cling a - round

B *mf* I am cir - - cling

77 *Expressively* E ♩ = 96

Pri. *mf* (opt. chorus only)

Sec.



93 *div.*

S years, for a thou - sand years, *f* for a thou - sand \_\_\_\_\_ years. *mp* And I still don't

A years, for a thou - sand years, *f* for a thou - sand \_\_\_\_\_ years. *mp* And

T years, for a thou - sand years, *f* for a thou - sand \_\_\_\_\_ years. *mp* And I still don't

B years, for a thou - sand years, *f* for a thou - sand \_\_\_\_\_ years. *mp* And

Pri. **PERUSAL**

Sec. *p*

99 *cresc.*

S know \_\_\_\_\_ if I am a fal - con, *mf* fal - con, fal - con, or a

A I still don't know if I am a fal - con, *mf* fal - con, fal - con, or a

T know \_\_\_\_\_ if I am a fal - con, *mf* fal - con, fal - con, or a

B I still don't know if I am a fal - con, *mf* fal - con, fal - con, or a

Pri. **ONLY**

Sec. *cresc.* *mf*

104 *freely* G  $\text{♩} = 116$

S *f* storm, *ff* storm. Or a great *f* Song.

A *f* storm, *ff* storm. *f* Song.

T *f* storm, *ff* storm. *f* Song.

B *f* storm, *ff* storm. *f* Song.

104 G  $\text{♩} = 116$

Pri. *f* *ff*

Sec. *f*

104 *f* *ff* *f*

111 *f* I live my life in grow - ing

A *f* I live my life in grow - ing

T *f* I live my life in grow - ing

B *f* I live my life in grow - ing

111 *f* I live my life in grow - ing

Pri. *f*

111 *f*

Sec. *f*

117

S or - bits which move\_\_ out o'er\_\_ the things of the world, I live my

A or - bits which move\_\_ out o'er\_\_ the things of the world.

T or - bits which move\_\_ out o'er\_\_ the things of the world. I live my

B or - bits which move\_\_ out o'er\_\_ the things of the world.

Pri.

Sec.

123

S life\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which move\_\_ out o'er\_\_ the things of the

A I live my life\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which move\_\_ out

T life\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which move\_\_ out o'er\_\_ the things of the

B I live my life\_\_ in grow - ing or - bits which move\_\_ out

Pri. *like bells*

Sec.

129

S world. I live, I live, I live, I live, I live,

A o'er the things of the world. I live, I live, I live,

T world. I live, I live, I live, I live,

B o'er the things of the world. I live, I live, I live,

Pri. **PERUSAL**

Sec.

135 *molto rit.*

S *ff* live! *molto rit.*

A *ff* live! *molto rit.*

T *ff* live! *molto rit.*

B *ff* live! *molto rit.*

Pri. **ONLY**

Sec. *ff* *molto rit.*