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Unless a Grain of Wheat

Assembly, Two-part Choir, Keyboard, Cello, and Oboe

Cyprian Consiglio

Refrain text based on John 12:24

Keyboard accompaniment by Rick Modlin

INTRO (♩ = ca. 100)

Keyboard

Em Am D

Em E7sus4 E7 Am Em Am7 D Em

Melody

Harmony

Un - less a

Am D Esus4 E Cmaj7 Am7

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REFRAIN

grain of wheat shall fall on - to the ground and die it shall re -

Em Am D Em E7sus4 E7

main a sin - gle grain and nev - er bear new life; but if it

Am Em Am7 D Em

dies it will yield a rich har - vest. har - vest.

Am D 1-3 Esus4 E Final Esus4 E

to Verses to Verses Final

molto rit. *Fine* *molto rit.* *Fine*

VERSES

1. When ev - ery haugh - ty head bends low, the salt will
 2. And when the pains of life per - sist, we know the
 3. So may we nev - er dare to boast ex - cept in

Cmaj7 Am9 Dadd9 Bm11 Cmaj7

1. fla - vor the earth, the yeast will raise the
 2. heal - ing art, for love can - not re -
 3. death like this; and may we de - sire the

Bm/C Bm B7 Cmaj7 E7 F#m B°7

1. dough, and death will yield new birth. }
 2. sist a bro - ken, hum - bled heart. } Un-less a
 3. most to live a life like his. }

Am7 Am7/G Cmaj7/G C#°7 Bm7 Esus4 E Cmaj7 Am7

Melody D.S.
 Harmony

Composer Notes

This phrase from the twelfth chapter of John's Gospel summarizes the ultimate meaning of all the Gospel parables and best describes a life in imitation of Jesus. Although it is obviously appropriate for Lent, this song is also advisable for use throughout the church year, especially during the many weeks of Ordinary Time when the Lectionary focuses on mission and discipleship. Musically, it is best to keep this piece light, like a gentle, sober waltz.

—*Cyprian Consiglio, OSB Cam.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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(Keyboard)

Am Em Am7 D Em Am D Esus4

REFRAIN

E Cmaj7 Am7 Em Am D

Melody

Harmony

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall on - to the ground and

Em E7sus4 E7 Am Em Am7 D

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Em Am D

1-3 Esus4 E to Verses

Final Esus4 E Fine

life; but if it dies it will yield a rich har - vest. har - vest.

VERSES

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Cmaj7 Bm/C Bm B7 Cmaj7 E7 F#m B°7

1. salt will fla - vor the earth, the yeast will raise the

2. know the heal - ing art, for love can - not re -

3. cept in death like this; and may we de - sire the

Am7 Am7/G Cmaj7/G C#°7 Bm7 Esus4 E Cmaj7 Am7 D.S.

Melody

Harmony

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OBOE

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 100)

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REFRAIN

Musical notation for the Intro and Refrain section. The Intro consists of a quarter rest followed by a 12-measure rest. The Refrain begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, including slurs and ties.

Musical notation for the end of the Refrain and the start of Verses 1-3. The Refrain concludes with a box labeled "1-3" and the instruction "to Verses". The final measure is marked "Final" with the instruction "molto rit." and "Fine".

VERSES 1-3

Musical notation for Verses 1-3. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The notation shows a series of quarter notes with rests, indicating a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Musical notation for the end of Verses 1-3. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The notation shows a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line and the instruction "D.S." (Da Capo).

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CELLO

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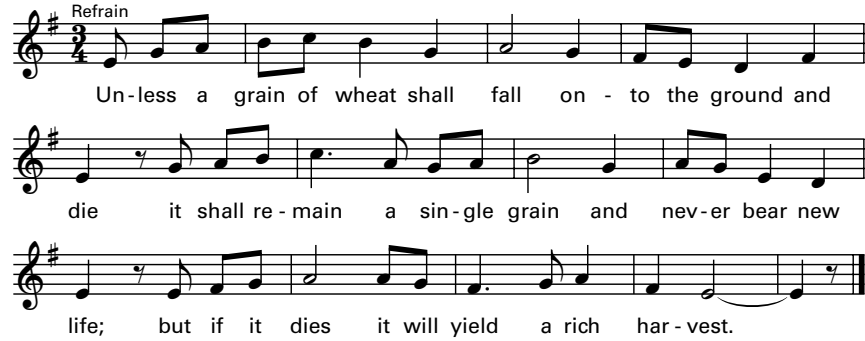
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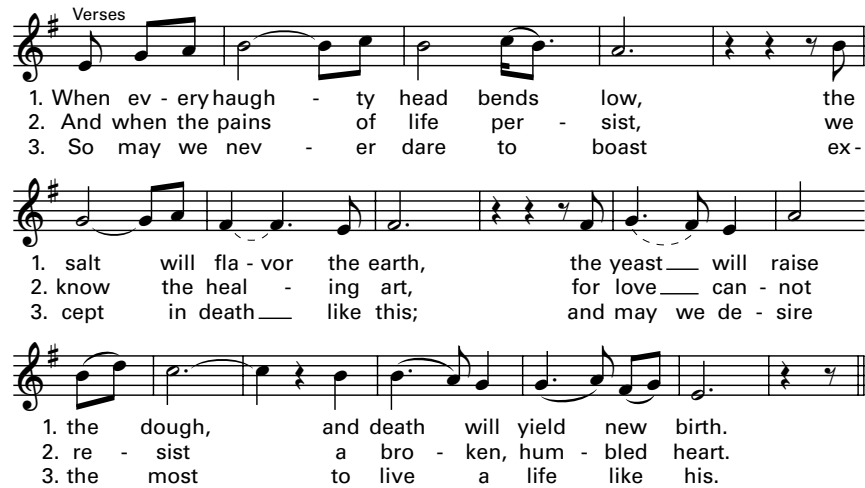
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Refrain



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die it shall re - main a sin - gle grain and nev - er bear new
life; but if it dies it will yield a rich har - vest.

Verses



1. When ev - ery haugh - ty head bends low, the
2. And when the pains of life per - sist, we
3. So may we nev - er dare to boast ex -

1. salt will fla - vor the earth, the yeast ___ will raise
2. know the heal - ing art, for love ___ can - not
3. cept in death ___ like this; and may we de - sire

1. the dough, and death will yield new birth.
2. re - sist a bro - ken, hum - bled heart.
3. the most to live a life like his.

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