

THE CHARACTER OF A HAPPY LIFE

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For Elisabeth Muir and the choir of Havergal College, Toronto

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Allegro maestoso (♩ = 84) *f* Confident and joyous

How hap - py is he born or

f R.H. *marcato*

taught That serv - eth not an oth - er's will; Whose

ar - mour is his ho - nest thought, And sim - ple truth his

high - est skill; Whose pas - sions not his mas - ters

mf

mf

are, Whose soul is still pre - pared for death, Not

tied un - to the world with care Of p - ces' grace or

vul - gar breath; Who en - vies none that chance doth raise, Or

mf subito
vice; who nev - er un - der - stood The deep - est wounds are giv'n by

mf subito

espressivo

praise, By rule of state, but not of good; Who

espressivo

hath his life from ru - mours freed; Whose con - science is his strong re -

- treat; Whose state nei - ther flat - t'ers feed, Nor

mp subito. legato

ru - ins make ac - cu - sers great; Who God doth

mp subito. legato

late and ear - ly pray More of his grace than

gifts ——— to lend; And ter - tains the harm - less

day With a well cho - sen book or friend; ———

cresc.

marcato This man is free from ser - vile bands ——— Of

poco largamente

hope to rise, or fear to fall;

poco largamente

ff
ten. tempo

Lord of him - self, though of lands;

ff

And hav - ing noth - ing, yet

hath all,