



What Once Was

for four-part chorus of mixed voices
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For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices

Adagio with movement

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Bass

So — long a - go I was a - lone, a - lone, —

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But — what once was can ne - ver be, — for as time —

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Alto

Grow - ing to - ge - ther, to -

flows, so shall we. Grow - ing to - ge - ther, to -

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ge - ther, add - ing to each oth -

ge - ther, add - ing to each oth -

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er, One — as the o - ther so shall we.

er, One — as the oth - er so shall we.

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Soprano *p*
Start- ing off a - lone, each one a - lone, a - lone, —

Alto *p*
Start- ing off a - lone, each one a - lone, a - lone,

Tenor *p*
Start- ing off a - lone, each one a - lone, a - lone,

Bass *p*
Start- ing off a - lone, each one a - lone, a - lone, —

Piano (for rehearsal only)

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Who were we, — less than stone — so long a - go, who were

Who were we, — less than stone — so long a - go, — who were

Who were we, — less than stone — so long a - go, who were

Who were we, — less than stone — so long a - go, who were

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we? I found you and you found me

we? I found you and you found me

we? I found you and you found me

we? I found you and you found me

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Now we stand here before thee, now we stand strong here and

Now we stand here before thee, now we stand strong here and

Now we stand here before thee, now we stand strong here and

Now we stand here before thee, now we stand strong here and

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f

now; A cir - cle of friends, a cir - cle un - brok - en

f

now; A cir - cle of friends, a cir - cle un - brok - en

f

now; A cir - cle of friends, a cir - cle un - brok - en

f

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f

now; A cir - cle of friends, a cir - cle un - brok - en

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As ne - ver be - fore and for - ev - er, for - ev - er shall

As ne - ver be - fore and for - ev - er, for - ev - er shall

As ne - ver be - fore and for - ev - er, for - ev - er shall

As ne - ver be - fore and for - ev - er, for - ev - er shall

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Solo (ah_)

(ah_) (ah_)

be, we shall be. Be - tween us now are bonds that can - not

be, we shall be. Be - tween us now are bonds that can - not

be, we shall be. Be - tween us now are bonds that can - not

be, we shall be. Be - tween us now are bonds that can - not

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(ah_)

break True friends we stand, strong, for-

break True friends we stand, strong, for-

break True friends we stand, strong, for-

break True friends we stand, strong, for-

46 (ah ah)

subito p

ev - er, for - ev - er so shall we

subito p

ev - er, for - ev - er so shall we

subito p

ev - er, for - ev - er so shall we

subito p

ev - er, for - ev - er shall we

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be as one soul. (ah)

as one soul.

as one soul.

as one soul.