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# **Prayer time**

**for soprano and cello**

**2021**

**Full Score**

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# Programme note

And yet we say, "a long time" and "a short time"; still, only of time past or to come. A long time past (for example) we call a hundred years since; and a long time to come, an hundred years hence. But a short time past, we call (suppose) often days since; and a short time to come, often days hence. But in what sense is that long or short, which is not? For the past, is not now; and the future, is not yet. Let us not then say, "it is long"; but of the past, "it hath been long"; and of the future, "it will be long." O my Lord, my Light, shall not here also Thy Truth mock at man? For that past time which was long, was it long when it was now past, or when it was yet present? For then might it be long, when there was, what could be long; but when past, it was no longer; wherefore neither could that be long, which was not at all. Let us not then say, "time past hath been long": for we shall not find, what hath been long, seeing that since it was past, it is no more, but let us say, "that present time was long"; because, when it was present, it was long. For it had not yet passed away, so as not to be; and therefore there was, what could be long; but after it was past, that ceased also to be long, which ceased to be.

**S. Augustine from his *Confessions***

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*For Hattie Butterworth*

Duration c. 53'

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$\text{♩} = 50$   
*pp cyclic*

Soprano

And yet We say that

Cello

*sul tasto con sord.*  
*pp cyclic*

7

S.

Time is long Time

Vc.

13

S.

is short A long

Vc.

19

$\text{♩} = 50$

S.

Time past We call

Vc.

25

$\text{♩} = 70$

S.

A hundred Years a

Vc.

31

S.

Vc.

37

S.

Vc.

43

S.

Vc.

49

S.

Vc.

55  $\text{♩} = 50$

S.

Vc.

61

S.

Vc.

67

S. - go And a Short

Vc.

73

S. time To come Ten

Vc.

79

$\text{♩} = 70$

S. years hence But in

Vc.

85

S. what sense is that

Vc.

91

S. Long or short Which is

Vc.

97

$\text{♩} = 70$

S. not For the Past


Vc.

103 ♩ = 50

S.   
is Not now And


Vc. 

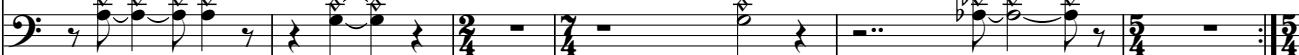
109

S.   
the Fu - - - ture Is

Vc. 

115

S.   
not yet There - - - fore

Vc. 

121

S.   
Let us Not say


Vc. 


127 ♩ = 50

S.   
It is long But let

Vc. 

133 ♩ = 70

S.   
us Say of The

Vc. 

139

S. 

past\_ It has Been

Vc. 

145

S. 

long\_ And\_ of\_ The\_

Vc. 

151

S. 

fu - - - - ture It\_ will\_

Vc. 

157  $\text{♩} = 50$

S. 

Be long And\_ yet\_

Vc. 

163

S. 

We say that Time\_ is\_

Vc. 

169

S. 

Long\_ Time is\_ short

Vc. 



175

S. A long Time past

Vc.

181 (♩ = 50)

S. We call A hun - - dred

Vc.

187 ♩ = 70

S. Years a - - - go In

Vc.

193

S. like Man - - ner A

Vc.

199

S. long Time to come

Vc.

205 (♩ = 70)

S. A hun - - dred Years hence

Vc.

211  $\text{♩} = 50$

S. 

But a Short time\_\_

Vc.

217

S. 

We\_ call\_ Say ten

Vc.

223

S. 

years A - - go\_ And\_

Vc.

229

S. 

a\_ Short time\_ To\_

Vc.

235

S. 

come\_ Ten years hence

Vc.

241  $\text{♩} = 70$

S. 

But\_ in\_ What sense


Vc.


247

S.    
 Is that Long or short

Vc. 

253

S.    
 Which is not For

Vc. 

259

S.    
 the Past is Not

Vc. 

265  $\text{♩} = 50$

S.    
 now And the Fu

Vc. 

271

S.    
 - ture is not yet

Vc. 

277

S.    
 There fore Let us

Vc. 

283  $\text{♩} = 50$

S. Not say It is long

Vc.

289  $\text{♩} = 70$

S. But let us Say

Vc.

295

S. of The past It

Vc.

301

S. has Been long And

Vc.

307

S. of The fu - - - ture

Vc.

313

S. It will Be long.

Vc.