

# An Old Man and his Grandson

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Music by Tom Cunningham

$\text{♩} = 69$  *mp*

Soprano  
The youth who looks up-on age With such af-fection must won-der:

Alto  
The youth who looks up-on age With such af-fection must won-der:

Men  
Youth who looks on with af-fec-tion must won-der:

Piano  
*mf* *mp*

5 *espr.* *mf*

Will I be like that in due time, An old man with a bul-bous nose? *It can't be me.*

Will I be like that in due time, An old man with a bul-bous nose? *It can't be me.*

Will be that in time, An old man with a bul-bous nose? *It can't be me.*

Piano  
*mf*

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10 *p* Who grows old? Nei - ther boy Nor man who looks And knows what the

*f* Who grows old? Nei-ther the boy Nor the man who looks at the A. knows, knows what the

*mp* Who grows old? Nei - ther boy Nor man who looks And knows what the

*mf*

13 *mp* boy is think-ing, But be-lieves I'm wrong. *f* It won't be us. *Meno mosso* *mp* In whose

*mp* boy is think-ing, But be-lieves him wrong. *f* It won't be us. *mp* In whose

*mp* boy is think-ing, But be-lieves him wrong. *f* It won't be us.

*mp* *f* *mp*

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heart does spring tru-ly Give way to win-ter? Win-ter Is a way of dy-ing; De-ni-al a way of

heart does spring Give way to win-ter? Win-ter Is a way of dy-ing; A way of

*mp* Heart does spring Give way to win-ter? Win-ter Is a way of dy-ing; A way of

Tempo primo

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life. *mp* It can-not be. *mf* It can-not be. *f* It can-not be. *pp* Who grows old? Nei-ther

life. *mp* It can-not be. *mf* It can-not be. *f* It can-not be. *mp* Who grows old? Nei-ther the

life. *mp* It can-not be. *mf* It can-not be. *f* It can-not be. *p* Who grows old? Nei-ther

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boy Nor man who looks And knows what the boy is think- ing But be- lieves him

boy Nor the man who looks at the boy And knows, knows what the boy think- ing, But be- lieves him

boy Nor man who looks And knows what the boy think- ing, But be- lieves him

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wrong. *mf* It won't be us. *p* In whose heart does spring tru - ly Give way to win- ter?

wrong. *mf* It won't be us. *p* In whose heart does spring Give way to win- ter?

wrong. *mf* It won't be us. *p* Heart does spring Give way to win- ter?

*Meno mosso*

38 *mp*

Win - ter Is a way of dy - ing; De - ni - al a way of life. *It*

Win - ter Is a way of dy - ing; A way of life. *It*

Win - ter Is a way of dy - ing; A way of life. *It*

42 *mf* *rit.*

can - not be. *It* can - not be. *It* can - - not be.

can - not be. *It* can - not be. *It* can - - not be.

can - not be. *It* can - not be. *It* can - - not be.