

Benjamin Beddome, 1778
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Bitter Sweet

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D minor
Oliver Holden, 1800

Treble

Tenor

Bass

1. What is the world, with all its toys? 'Tis but a bit - ter sweet: When I attempt to pluck the rose, A

prickly thorn I meet; When I attempt to pluck the rose, A prickly thorn I meet, A prickly thorn I meet.

2. My times of sorrow and of joy,
Great God, are in Thy hand;
My choicest comforts come from Thee
And go at Thy command.

3. If Thou should take them all away,
Yet would I not repine ;
Before they were possessed by me,
They were entirely thine.

4. Nor would I drop a murmuring word,
Though the whole world were gone,
But seek enduring happiness
In Thee, and Thee alone.

5. Here perfect bliss can ne'er be found,
The honey's mixed with gall ;
Midst changing scenes and dying friends,
Be Thou my all in all.