

Jens Klimek

I shall not live in vain

*for piano, percussion (ad lib.) and
mixed choir a cappella*

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Emily Dickinson

I shall not live in vain

words by
Emily Dickinson

music by
Jens Klimek

$\text{♩} = 70$

4/4

SOPRANO

p

repeat the phrase again and again, each singer in her individual tempo

3/4 **4/4**

ALTO

p

repeat the phrase again and again, each singer in her individual tempo

TENOR

BASS

p

If I can stop one heart from

Glockenspiel (optional)

p

$\text{♩} = 70$

PIANO

mf

4/4 **3/4** **4/4**

Ped.

*

7 **4/4** **3/4** **4/4**

if I can ease one life from a - ching,

*repeat the phrase again and again,
each singer in his individual tempo*

I shall not live in vain, n -

brea - king, I

*only if there is
no Glockenspiel* **4/4** **3/4** **4/4**

p

13 *Ped.* * **3/4** *Ped.* **4/4**

or cool one pain, -

or help one fain-ting ro-bin in to his nest a -

*repeat the phrase again and again,
each singer in his individual tempo*

shall not live in vain, n -

3/4 **4/4**

* *Ped.*

19 $\frac{4}{4}$ *p* $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

I shall not live in vai - - n.

gai - - - - n,

p I shall not live in vain. *mf* If I can

I shall not live in vai - - n.

$\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

pp *sempre legato* 6 6 6

* Ped. ad libitum

23 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

I shall not live in vai - - n,

mf I shall not live in vain, if I can ease

p stop one heart from brea - king, I shall not live in vai - n,

I shall not live in vai - - n,

$\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

6 6 6 3 6 3 6 3 6 3

28 **4/4** **3/4** **4/4**

I shall not live in vain,
 one life from a - ching, I shall not live in
 I shall not live in vain,
 I shall not live in vain, or

mp

4/4 **3/4** **4/4** *8va* *Ped.* *

32 *mp*
 or help_ one fain - ting ro - bin in to his nest a -
 vai - - n
 n
 cool_ one_ pai - - n,

p *p*

8va *loco*

Ped. * *Ped.*

35

p

n

p

I shall not live in vain.

8va

6

p

*

Ped.

*

42

pp

I shall not live in vain, in vain

p

8va

Ped.

*