

# The Fruit of Life

for unaccompanied lower voices (AATB)

Words: adapted from the  
York Cycle of Mystery Plays

Music: TIMOTHY ROGERS (b. 1961)

With vigor ♩ = 48

ALTO I  
ALTO II

*f*

1. A - dam and Eve, this is \_\_\_\_\_ the place, \_\_\_\_\_

TENOR  
BASS

*f*

5

Called Pa - ra - dise, \_\_\_\_\_ grant - ed of grace, \_\_\_\_\_ Spi - ces and herbs, fresh

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fruit \_\_\_\_\_ on tree, \_\_\_\_\_ Beasts, fowls and fish, all that \_\_\_\_\_ you see.

17

*mf*

2. In earth I make you Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of all, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

This work may be transposed up for performances by mixed voices (SATB).

21

Beasts un - to you shall be in thrall, This tree that bears the

*mf*  
*p*

27

Fruit of Life, Look nei - ther you, nor Eve your wife.

33

3. Who eats the fruit of good and ill, Shall have know - ing

*mf*

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as was his skill, Bite bold - ly on; be not a - fraid.

*f*

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Give A - dam some, and eke his bliss, and eke his bliss.

*poco rit.*  
*mf*  
*p*

51 **a tempo**

4. A - - dam! A - - dam! Where are you there?

*f*  
*p*  
ah,

55

Why have you wrought, nak - ed and bare? I hear you, Lord, my

*mf*  
*p*  
ah, I hear you, Lord,

61

eyes not set on Eve made me, Lord, made me do wrong.

*f*  
*p*  
ah, Eve made me wrong.

67

5. Why did you, Eve, co - erce your make

*mf*  
*p*  
ah, A worm, en - ticed me,

71

Eat fruit I bade, none of it take? Lord, a worm,

*f*  
*p*  
ah, Lord, a worm,