

SOMETIMES OUR ONLY SONG IS WEeping

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WAYFARING STRANGER
North American traditional
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Mournfully (♩ = 42)

The musical score is written for Cello, Solo, Soprano Alto, and Tenor Bass. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Mournfully' with a quarter note equal to 42 beats. The score begins with a Cello part in the first system, marked *mf*, playing a descending line with a triplet of eighth notes. The Solo part is silent in the first system. The Soprano Alto and Tenor Bass parts enter in the second system with a *pp* dynamic, holding a long note. The lyrics 'Some - (mm)' are written below the Soprano Alto part. In the third system, the Cello part continues with a descending line, marked *p*. The Solo part enters with a *mf* dynamic, playing a short phrase. The lyrics 'I Some-times our' are written below the Solo part. The Soprano Alto and Tenor Bass parts continue with long notes, marked with a crescendo hairpin.

Cello

Solo

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

mf

pp

Some - (mm)

p

mf

I Some-times our

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mf

on - ly song is weep - ing; _ our on - ly sound _ is gasp - ing

time, (mm) _ weep -

10

breath. Some-times it seems _ that God is sleep - ing _ while our brief

ing; on - ly sound,

15

13

f

lives _ are bound in death. Who hears the song _ our sor - rows

f

gasp - ing breath. Who hears the song _ our sor - rows

f

16

swal - low _____ and of - fers hope _____ to calm our _____

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swal - low _____ and of - fers hope _____ to calm our _____

18

fears? When all our words _____ seem frail and

When all our words, our words seem frail and

fears? When all our words _____ seem frail and

When all our words, our words seem frail, frail and

fears? When all our words _____ seem frail and