

Turn Back, O Man

Note from the transcriber:

While I generally ascribe to the efficacy of rendering lyrics gender-neutral, in this instance I choose to respect the lyrics by Mr. Bax, lest the lyrical poetry of his words be damaged. That being said, please feel free to sing it as you wish.

Words by Clifford Bax
Melody, Old 124th

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Turn back, O man, fore - swear thy fool - ish ways.
Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise.
Earth shall be fair and all her peo - ple one;

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Old now is earth, and none may count her days; Yet thou, her
Age af - ter age their tra - gic em - pires rise, Built while they
Nor til that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, e - ven

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child, whose head is crowned with flame. Still wilt not hear thine
dream, and in that dream - ing weep; Would man but wake from
now, once more from earth to sky, Peals forth in joy man's

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in - ner God pro - claim: "Turn back, O
out his haunt - ed sleep, Earth might be
old un - daunt - ed cry, "Earth shall be

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man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways.
fair, and all men glad and wise.
fair, and all her folk be one!" A - men.