

THE time is short ere all that live  
Shall hence depart, their God to meet:  
And each a strict account must give,  
At Jesus' solemn judgement seat.

2 The time is short, how can we tell  
How brief our life below may be?  
Today—on earth our souls may dwell,  
Tomorrow—in eternity.

3 The time is short, and can we dare  
To squander these brief years away?  
We look to Thee, O Lord, in prayer,  
Before we lose our fleeting day.

4 The time is short; may we rejoice!  
Our Saviour-King will quickly come;  
Soon shall we hear the Saviour's voice  
Invite us to His heavenly home.

5 The time is short, when time shall cease,  
Eternity be ushered in,  
When death shall die, and joy and peace  
Shall with the Lord for ever reign.

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