

Vanity of Vanities - Ecclesiastes 1

Words: Steve Layfield; Music: Roger Waters

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: D, G7, D, G7. Lyrics: Van - i - ty of van - i - ties, Drear - i - ness at - tends my days, van - i - ty of van - i - ties, wear - i - ness pur - sues my ways,

System 2: Chords: D, E/D. Lyrics: what do we gain? from la - bour, toil and pain if Both ear and eye this world can't sat - is - fy, there's

System 3: Chords: Em/D, A7, D, D7. Lyrics: ev - ry - thing's e - sent - ial - ly the same? no - thing new yo tempt my heart to try!

System 4: Chords: G, A, C. Lyrics: the form - er things of earth will long for - got - ten be, these fleet - ing lives we live will car - ry on -

System 5: Chords: G(add2), G, A. Lyrics: Each day's hor - i - zon shares a com - mon dest - in - y there's

16 C G Bm Em7 A7

noth-ing_ whol - ly new un - der the sun

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Crooked multitudes I see
 Never straightened will they be;
 The Fall of man
 Has every earthly plan
 Established firmly on the sinking sand.

This quest I sought to comprehend:
 "What is man's purpose, goal and end?"
 Behold I found,
 As I surveyed the ground,
 My search had been mere striving after wind!

*For with the wisdom that my heart had freely gained
 Displeasure and vexation filled my soul
 Deep sorrows poisoned every lesson I had learned
 The knowledge I acquired was icy cold.*