

## Once in our lives

3-Part Round  
Henry Purcell (1659-95)

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "Once in our lives let us drink to our wives," followed by a repeat sign. The second staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "Though their num - bers be but small;". The third staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp, marked with an asterisk (\*). The lyrics are: "heav'n take the best, and the De-vil take the rest," followed by a repeat sign. The fourth staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "and so we shall get rid of them all! To". The fifth staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp, marked with an asterisk (\*). The lyrics are: "this heart-y wish let each man take his dish," followed by a repeat sign. The sixth staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "and drink, drink, till he fall!".

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*Kanon zu drei Stimmen*

Once in our lives  
let us drink  
to our wives,  
though their numbers  
be but small;  
Heav'n take the best,  
and the Devil take the rest,  
and so we shall get rid  
of them all!

To this hearty wish

let each man take his dish,  
and drink, drink till he fall!

Einmal in unserem Leben  
lasst uns trinken  
auf unsere Frauen,  
obwohl ihre Menge  
bloß sehr klein ist;  
der Himmel nimmt die besten  
und der Teufel nimmt den Rest,  
und so werden wir losbekommen  
sie alle!

Auf diesem aus dem Herzen  
kommenden Wunsch  
erhebe jeder Mann sein Trinkgeschirr,  
und trink', trink' bis er fall'!

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