

It Is Enough

Aria for baritone from the oratorio *Elijah*

English translation by *William Bartholomew* (1793–1867) of the original German text by *Julius Schubring* (1806–1889), based on the Book of Kings and the psalms.

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Recitative

Though stricken, they have not grieved.
[ðo:ʊ 'strɪk.ən ðe:ɪ hæv nɒt 'grɪv.ɪd]

Tarry here my servant:
['tæ(ɛ).rɪ hɪə mə:ɪ 'sɜ.vənt]

the Lord be with thee.

I journey hence to the wilderness.

Aria

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life,

for I am not better than my fathers!

I desire to live no longer:

now let me die, for my days are but vanity.

I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts,
for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant,

and thrown down Thine altars,

and slain all Thy prophets,

slain them with the sword.

And I, even I only am left:

and they seek my life to take it away!

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life,

for I am not better than my fathers!

Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!

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