

Approximate duration: 2½ minutes

To Archibald Thompson Davison on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, October 11, 1953

## Thrice Happy They

*Felices ter\**  
 For Unaccompanied Mixed Voices

Text from *Odes I*, 13; 17-20 by Horace (65 B.C.-8 B.C.)  
 English translation by Randall Thompson

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 (1899-1984)

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Lento (♩ = 72)

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

*pp dolce*

Fe - li - ces ter et am -

Thrice hap - py they, and e -

*pp dolce*

Fe - li - ces ter et am - pli - us,

Thrice hap - py they, and e - ven more,

Lento (♩ = 72)

for rehearsal only

*pp dolce*

*p*

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*pp dolce*

Fe - li - ces ter et am -

Thrice hap - py they, and e -

*pp dolce*

Fe - li - ces ter et am - pli - us,

Thrice hap - py they, and e - ven more,

*p*

- pli - us, et am - pli - us, am -

- ven more, and e - ven more, e -

et am - pli - us,

and e - ven more

5

*pp dolce*

*p*

*r.h.*

*(l.h.)*

*p*

*cresc.*

\* Editorial Suggestion: Conductors might wish to consider Classical Latin pronunciation which differs slightly from Church Latin.

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*p* - pli - us, quos in - ru - pta te - net  
 - ven more, Whom a bond un - bro - ken

et am - pli - us, quos in - ru - pta  
*mf* and e - ven more, Whom a bond un -

- pli - us, quos in - ru - pta te - net  
*mp* - ven more, Whom a bond un - bro - ken

quos in - ru - pta te - net co - pu - la,  
 Whom a bond un - bro - ken ev - er binds,

**15**

co - pu - la nec ma - lis di - vol  
*mf* ev - er binds; Whose hearts are un - torn

te - net co - pu - la nec ma - lis di - vol  
*mf* bro - ken ev - er binds; Whose hearts are un - torn

co - pu - la nec ma - lis di - vol  
*mf* ev - er binds; Whose hearts are un - torn sus -

co - pu - la nec ma - lis di - vol  
*mf* ev - er binds; Whose hearts are un - torn by