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Sanctus (Vienna) Lord, send out wisdom from your throne of glory, to be with me and to work with me so that I might learn to know what is pleasing in your sight at all times: give me, Lord, that wisdom that stands by your throne, so that I might learn to know what is pleasing in your sight at all times. The unchanging order of events and the uncertainty of the future — a famous passage that comes from the O.T. Bk of Ecclesiastes, Qoheleth, the Preacher. It's a meditation on time and fixed times, events that come off in an order decreed by God, and how man's situation is such that we can't know God's purposes in the world because of "the timelessness" that God has put in our heart: so we should resign ourselves (he says) to enjoying whatever comes to us as a gift of God. The "right time" for things is an important idea, recognized in all the wisdom literature: the rule of God over time & over the events that occur in time is presupposed here and in the list of antitheses that the Preacher makes in his famous passage:

QQ. Eccles 3<sup>1-13</sup>

There's an attractive modern musical setting of these texts, by Pete Seeger: "To Everything There is a Season"

musical setting of these texts, by Pete Seeger: here it's sung by the Daughters of the Gion with Peter Knapp's orchestra

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