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## TOUCHED BY LIFE A MUSICAL REFLECTION

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In uncertain times we realise more than ever that time is all we have, so time is the enemy and the saviour. Sensing that time's of the essence, we pray for more time. But like dry sand in the palm of our hand, time keeps slipping through our fingers until the last grain fades with us into nothingness.

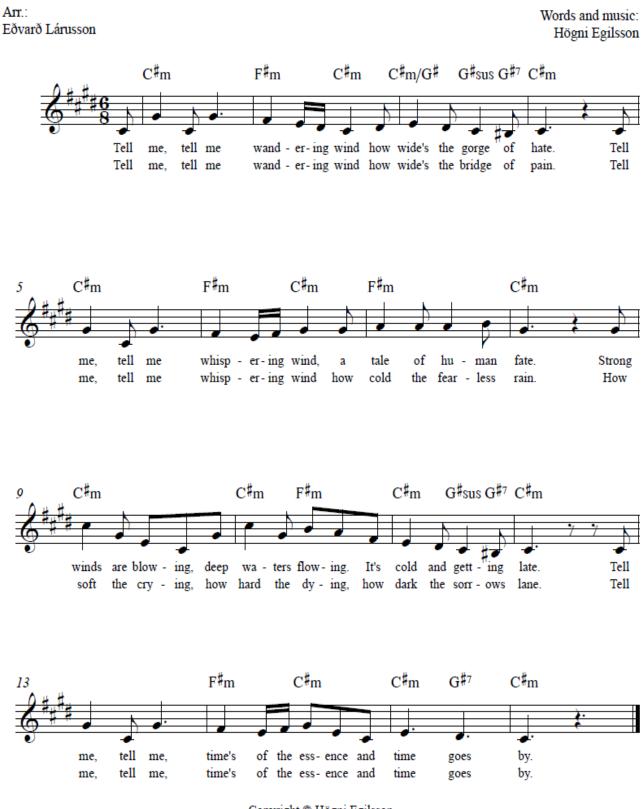
#### (17) TIME'S OF THE ESSENCE

Tell me, tell me wandering wind how wide's the gorge of hate. Tell me, tell me whispering wind a tale of human fate. Strong winds are blowing, deep waters flowing. It's cold and getting late. Tell me, tell me, time's of the essence and time goes by.

Tell me, tell me wandering wind how wide's the bridge of pain. Tell me, tell me whispering wind how cold the fearless rain. How soft the crying, how hard the dying, how dark the sorrows lane. Tell me, tell me, time's of the essence and time goes by.

Night falls, night fades, never again this night will take our hand. Day breaks, day is dying again, and dusk's upon the land. Our waking hours, like wind and showers are written on the sand. Time is, time was, time's of the essence and time goes by.

## Time's of the essence



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