

If Ever There Was a Time

a setting for a cappella mixed chorus
of a text adapted from
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's
1944 State of the Union Address

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If Ever There Was a Time is a work for a cappella mixed chorus on a text adapted from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1944 State of the Union Address. The message is as relevant today as it was at the time.

This is what FDR said:

If ever there was a time to subordinate individual and group selfishness to the national good, that time is now.

for perusal

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Duration: ca. 4'

Words: Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Music: Mark Zuckerman

Assertively (♩ = 88)

mf *cresc.*

Soprano
If ev - er there was a time _____ If ev - er there was a time _____ If

Alto
If ev - er there was a time _____ If ev - er there was a time If *cresc.*

Tenor
If ev - er there was a time _____ If ev - er there was a time _____ If *cresc.*

Bass
If ev - er there was a time _____ If ev - er there was a time If *cresc.*

Piano Reduction

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ev - er there was If ev - er there was _____ a time If *f*

ev - er there was a time _____ If ev - er there was _____ a time If *f*

ev - er there was a time _____ If ev - er there was _____ a time If *f*

ev - er there was a time _____ If ev - er there was a time If *f*

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18 *mf*

ev - er there was a time _____ a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness

mf

ev - er there was a time _____ a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness

mf

8 ev - er there was a time _____ a time to sub - or - di - nate

mf

ev - er there was a time _____ a time to sub - or - di - nate

27 *cresc.*

If ev - er there was a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness to the na - tion - al good,

cresc.

If ev - er there was a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness to the na - tion - al good,

cresc.

8 self - ish - ness _____ a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness to the na - tion - al good,

cresc.

self - ish - ness _____ a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness to the na - tion - al good,

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f that time is now. _____ *mf* to the

f that time is now. _____ *mf* to the na - tion - al good, to the

f that time is now. _____ *mf* to the na - tion - al

f that time is now. _____ *mp* to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub -

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na - tion - al good, If ev - er there was a time

na - tion - al good, the na - tion - al good, to the na - tion - al

good, _____ If ev - er there was a time

or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub -

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that time is now. If ev - er If ev - er there was If ev - er there
 good, _____ to the na - tion - al good, If ev - er there was If
 that time is now. to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub -
 or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub -

mp

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was If ev - er there was a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness
 ev - er If ev - er sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness
 or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness
 or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness

mp *ff* *ff* *ff*

60

mf *f*

to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er If ev - er If

mf *f*

to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er If ev - er If

mf *f*

to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er If ev - er If

mf *f*

to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er If ev - er If

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mf

ev - er there was a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness to the

ev - er there was a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness

ev - er there was a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness

ev - er If ev - er there was a time to sub - or - di - nate self - ish - ness

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na - tion - al good, _____ to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er there

mf to the na - tion - al good, _____ *f* to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er there

mf to the na - tion - al good, _____ *f* to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er there

mf to the na - tion - al good, _____ *f* to the na - tion - al good, _____ If ev - er there

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was a time _____ that time is now. _____ *rall.* *ff*

was a time _____ that time is now. that time is now. _____ *ff*

was a time _____ that time is now. _____ that time is now. _____ *ff*

was a time _____ that time is now. _____ *ff*