

Life is not fair

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Music: to the tune of GREENSLEEVES (8.8.8.8. and refrain) traditional melody

1. Life is not fair, and we can rage
to see the evil prosper so
while good folk sweat to earn a wage
Oh where, oh where did justice go?
*“Justice – now don’t go there,
I tell you, friend, you don’t want fair!
Justice would not spare one soul
But grace is free for one and all.*

2. Life is not fair, and our hearts break
with hijacks, bombs and hurricanes –
is this whole world some big mistake?
Is there a God? Is He insane?
*“Justice – now don’t go there,
I tell you, friend, you don’t want fair!
Justice would not spare one soul
But grace is free for one and all.*

3. Life is not fair, or so it seems
for those who choose to follow God,
more desert time than quiet streams,
why can’t the Lord protect the good?
*“Justice – now don’t go there,
I tell you, friend, you don’t want fair!
Justice would not spare one soul
But grace is free for one and all.*

4. Life is not fair, and it is hard
for us to go to Ninevah,
to those who’ve hurt us in the past,
to tell them of the God of love.
*“Justice – now don’t go there,
I tell you, friend, you don’t want fair!
Justice would not spare one soul
But grace is free for one and all.*

*Gracious, compassionate,
slow to anger, and rich in love –
what more could we ask than this:
His grace is free for one and all.*

Based on Revised Common Lectionary (A) for 25th Sunday in ordinary time:

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16