Life Let Us Cherish - song lyrics

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LIFE LET US CHERISH.
Composed by Mozart.

Life let us cherish while yet the taper glows,
And the fresh flow'ret pluck ere it close;
Why are we fond to toil and care?
Why choose the rankling thorn to wear,
And heedless by the lily stray
Which blossoms in the way?

When clouds obscure the atmosphere,
And forked lightnings rend the air,
The sun resumes his silver crest,
And smiles adown the West?

The genial seasons soon are o'er,
Then let us ere we quit this shore
Contentment seek, it is life's rest,
The sunshine of the breast.

Away with every toil and care,
And cease the rankling thorn to wear;
With manful hearts life's conflict meet
Till death sounds the retreat.