

Laugh and Be Merry

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- **John Edward Masefield**, English poet and writer, was Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom from 1930.
 - Among his best known works are the children's novels *The Midnight Folk* and *The Box of Delights*, and the poems "The Everlasting Mercy" and "Sea-Fever".
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Introduction:

The poet, John Masefield suggests that we should have a positive attitude in life. Life is short so we must enjoy the fruits of happiness. Every moment of our life should be enjoyed and cheered. The poet compares the world with an inn where all human beings are temporary guests. We should enjoy life till it lasts and till the music of life ends.

Stanza- 1

Laugh and be merry, remember, better the
world with a song,
Better the world with a blow in the teeth of a
wrong.

Laugh, for the time is brief, a thread the length
of a span.

Laugh and be proud to belong to the old proud
pageant of man.



Stanza- 2

Laugh and be merry: remember, in
olden time.

God made Heaven and Earth for joy
He took in a rhyme,
Made them, and filled them full with
the strong red wine of
His mirth

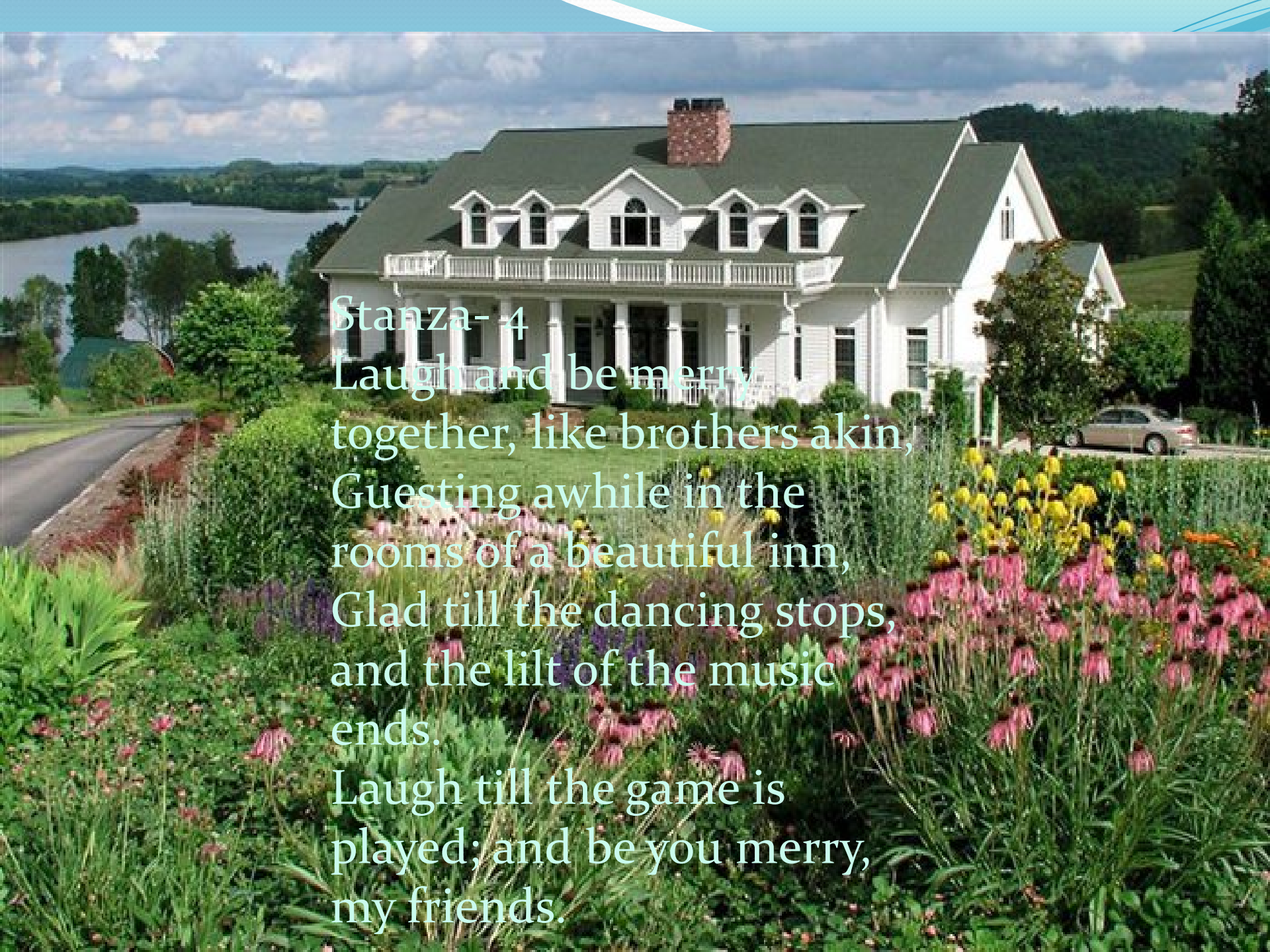
The splendid joy of the stars: the joy
of the earth.



A lush garden scene featuring a stone path winding through various plants. In the foreground, there are large, bright orange and red flowers. To the right, a tall, blue-green coniferous tree stands prominently. In the background, a traditional black pagoda is visible amidst dense greenery and other colorful plants.

Stanza - 3

So we must laugh and drink from the deep
blue cup of the sky,
Join the jubilant song of the great stars
sweeping by,
Laugh, and battle, and work, and drink of
the wine outpoured
In the dear green earth, the sign of the joy
of the Lord.



Stanza- 4
Laugh and be merry
together, like brothers akin,
Guesting awhile in the
rooms of a beautiful inn,
Glad till the dancing stops,
and the lilt of the music
ends.

Laugh till the game is
played; and be you merry,
my friends.

Consolidation

- John Masefield calls us to be happy and enjoy our life with a song.
- We should fight against wrong.
- Life is very short like a thread .
- God made Heaven and Earth
- We enjoy the song with the stars.
- We are the Guests in the earth.
- We stay for a short while and so we should enjoy our life till it ends.