

**Faculty of Commerce and
Management**

B.COM. I SEMESTER II

Subject : Compulsory

English

Laugh and be Merry

John Masefield

- John Masefield (1878-1967) was an English poet, prose-writer and journalist. He could not resist the call of sea. He liked the life of a sailor and the thrill of a voyage. No wonder, he joined the Navy. But ill-health compelled him to quit it. After that he led a vagrant life, shifting swiftly from one place to another. But his career as a writer continued. In all, he wrote fifty volumes of verse, twenty novels and eight plays. Chiefly, he wrote lyrics and narratives dealing with the life on the sea and the life of the poor. He was appointed poet Laureate in 1930.

- The poet, in 'Laugh and Be Merry', calls on people to remain happy and liberally scatter happiness among all around.
 - A jolly mood inspires people and makes the world a better place to live in, despite difficulties. When God made the world, he endowed to it the joy of twinkling stars, the joy of the earth itself.
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- Human beings must derive maximum benefit from the gifts of God to make life enjoyable.
 - Merriment should be the motto of the journey of life, which is very brief. Our life on the earth is like a sojourn in a beautiful hotel.
 - It is bound to terminate early. Nothing in life is certain as life itself is uncertain. Our stay comes to an end when the music and dancing stop.
 - It is, therefore, important to laugh and be merry as long as the music and dance of life go on.

Laugh And Be Merry

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.

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.

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.

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.

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