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IT IS BETTER TO LAUGH THAN BE SIGHING

Il Segretto

AIR

from

DONIZETTI'S POPULAR OPERA

L'Arcade de Bayre

Written and adapted

By

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IT IS BETTER TO LAUGH THAN BE SIGHING

Composed by
DONIZETTI

Written by
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ALLEGRETTO
NON TROPPO.

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The time signature is 6/8. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a piano introduction. The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The third system introduces the vocal line with the lyrics "It is". The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, often in chords. The vocal line is written in a simple, melodic style.

better to laugh, than be sigh - - - ing, When we think how life's moments are



fly - - - ing; For each sor-row, Fate e - - - ver is bring - - - ing, There's a



pleasure, in store for us, spring - ing. Tho' our joys, like to waves in the



sunshine, Glean a - while, then be lost to the sight; Yet for



each sparkling ray That so pass - es a - way, Comes a - no - ther as brilliant and



Rallo. paco piu primo. Tempo primo.

light Then 'tis bet - ter to laugh than be

sigh - - - - ing, They are wise who re - solve to be gay: When we

think how life's moments are fly - - - - ing, Oh! en joy pleasure's gifts while we

Slendo ad lib.

may.

2nd Verse.

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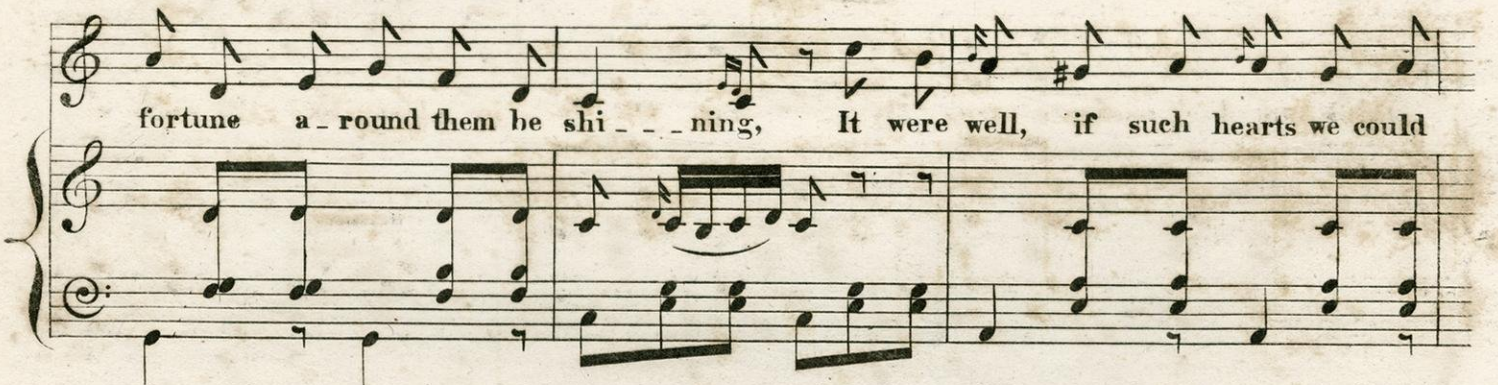
World, we, some Be ings dis - co - - - - ver, For too fri - gid for Friend or for



Lov - - - er; Souls un - blest, and for e - ver re - pi - - - - ning, Tho' good



fortune a - round them be shi - - - - ning, It were well, if such hearts we could



banish To some pla - net far dis - tant from ours, They're the



dark spots we trace On this earth's favor'd space, They are Weeds that choke up the fair



Rall^o

poco piu mosso.

Tempo primo.

flours Then 'tis bet - ter to laugh than be

sigh - - - ing, They are wise who re - solve to be gay when we

think how life's moments are fly - - - ing, Oh! en - joy pleasure's gifts while we

may.

Slend^o

ad lib.