

# OH, WHY NOT BE HAPPY?

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"A QUOI BON ENTENDRE LES OISEAUX."

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PIANO. *Allegretto grazioso.* *f* *ritard.*

Ped. \* Ped. \* Ped. \*

*mf a tempo.*

Oh, why..... not be hap-py this bright sum-mer day,..... 'Mid

*mf a tempo.*

per - - fume of ro - ses and new-ly-mown hay?..... Great Na - ture is

*p*

smil - ing - the birds in the air Sing love - lays to - ge - ther, and

*p*

all is most fair!..... The birds in the air Sing love-lays to - ge - ther,

*p* *string. e cres.* *f*

*calando.*

and all is most fair,..... and all is most fair!

*p* *calando.* *a tempo.*

*mf*

Then why not be hap - py this bright sum-mer day, 'Mid per-fume of

ro - - ses And new-ly-mown hay?..... 'Mid per - fume of ro - - ses and

*stringendo molto.*

*f* *mf* *poco calando.*

new - - ly-mown hay,..... and new - - ly-mown hay, 'Mid per-fume of ro-ses and new-ly-mown

*f* *mf* *poco calando.*

*sempre.* *p* *ritard.* *f*

hay?..... Then why not be hap - py this bright,..... this bright sum-mer

*sempre. p* *Ped.* *ritard.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *f* *Ped.*

*mf a tempo.*

day?..... The

*f* *dim.* *rit.*

stream - lets they wan-der thro' mea-dows so feet,..... their mu - - sic en -

*mf*

- tic-ing young lov-ers to meet ;..... The vio - lets are bloom - ing and

nest - ling their heads In rich - est pro - fu - sion on moss - coat - ed beds.....

*p*

are nest-ling their heads In rich-est pro - fu - sion on moss-coat-ed beds,.....

*p* *string. e cres.* *f*

*p* ..... on moss-coat-ed beds. *p* Then why not be hap - py

*calando. p* *a tempo.*

this bright summer day, When na-ture is fair - est and all is so

gay?..... When na - ture is fair - est and all..... is so gay,..... and all..... is so

*f*

*mf* *poco calando* *sempre.* *p*  
 gay? When na-ture is fair - est and all is so gay?..... Then why not be hap - py this

*dim.* *rit.*

*mf* *poco calando* *sempre.* Ped. \* Ped. \*

*f* *a tempo.*  
 bright,..... this bright sum-mer day?.....

Ped. *f* *a tempo.*