

R: Joy is in the ears that hear  
Let it's song succeed  
Laughter is the bane of fear  
And all the hope we need

1. Let all who are most serious  
And fearful on this day  
Take lessons from our Giant friends  
Or children at their play  
For ever in the midst of woe  
It helps if we recall  
That laughter is a medicine  
More potent than them all

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2. When all our banners dragged the dust  
And all our hands were chained  
In haunted caverns of the earth  
Our laughter yet remained  
And ever as we lost our dreams  
The joy would bid them nigh  
Until at last we left the dark  
And laughed beneath the sky

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3. Though ever in this darkling world  
Our enemies grow strong  
It helps us to remember  
That their reign cannot be long  
And though it seems forever  
As we hold them still at bay  
It helps to know that laughter  
Is forever and a day