



Ode to Joy

Lyrics: Friedrich Schiller

Translation: Lene Rachel Andersen

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Joy, o, let us be elated,
Daughter of Elysium,
Sing in joy intoxicated
Celebrate what we've become.
Joy so magic'ly has united
What old norms once tore apart;
Spread your wings, and let's excited
Build a brotherhood of hearts.

Bless'd is she who has succeeded
Making friendships last and grow,
Bless'd is he who likewise heeded
Love and made that fire glow.
Bless'd are you, who saw the lonely,
And reached out to hold a hand;
Those who flourish selfish only
Leave the brotherhood of man.

Joy, the drink of all things living,
Mother Nature's nurturing;
All men taking, all men giving,
Suckle by her sacred spring.
Raining kisses, cup overflowing,
Friend eternal, force of life:
Lifejoy is in all things growing,
Guarding cherub, make it rife!

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