

# Let There Be Laughter

And God said, "Let there be laughter,  
joyful noises now and hereafter.

Let there be funny sounds of all sorts:  
chuckles, chortles, titters, and snorts."

"Let there be snickers and shouts of elation,  
expressed and enjoyed by all of creation;  
all ages and types, simple and scholars,  
voicing delight with whoops and hollers."

"Let there be echoes in bellows of mirth  
that cry for peace among nations on earth.  
Let there be found through things that cheer  
hope that will wipe away every tear."

Thus we have giggles, ha-has, and guffaws  
to keep in perspective our fumbles and flaws,  
lift our spirits, ease our pain,  
relate to others, and keep us sane.

We can all choose how to use this gift –  
abuse or amuse, put down or uplift,  
make walls or bridges, reject or enjoy,  
exclude or include, bring sorrow or joy.

Wondering minds might consider this  
a treasure or even a taste of bliss,  
for hurts are forgotten, troubles take flight,  
fears are stilled, and burdens are light.

A taste of heaven? Well, what do *you* spy  
in the face of laughter and the twinkle of an eye?  
Some will say this is irreverent or delirious.  
Some just may be a little too serious!