

34. A Merry Life

This is a Neapolitan song known in Italy as "Funiculi-Funicula," so called because it was written to celebrate the opening of the funicular railroad (cars drawn by cable), up Mt. Vesuvius. It became a popular street-song in Naples and has spread to all parts of the world. It portrays the care-free life of the Italian idler.

From the Italian

Denza

1. ||||| Some think the world is made for fun and frolic, And so do I! And so do
2. ||||| Ah, me, 'tis strange that some should take to sighing, And like it well! And like it

Solo Chorus

9 I! Some think it well to be all mel-an-chol-ic, To pine and sigh; To pine and
well! For me, I have not tho't it worth the trying, So can-not tell! So can-not

Solo Chorus

18 sigh; But I, I love to spend my time in sing-ing
tell! With laugh and dance and song the day soon pass-es,

Solo

24 Some joy-ous song, Some joy-ous song; To set
Full soon is gone, Full soon is gone; For mirth

Chorus Solo

30 the air with mu-sic bravely ring-ing Is far from wrong! Is far from wrong!
was made for joy-ous lads and lass-es To call their own! To call their own!

Chorus *f*

38 *f* 1st time Solo Hark-en! Hark-en! Music sounds a-far! Hark-en! Hark-en! Music sounds a-far! Tra-la-la

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46 *mf* *f* la, tra-la-la-la, tra-la-la-la, tra-la-la-la! Joy is ev'-ry where Tra-la-la-la, tra-la-la-la!



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