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Cato's Advice
An Eighteenth Century Drinking Song
The Words by Henry Carey

For Baritone, with Piano Accompaniment

The Same Transposed
For Tenor (in G)     For Bass (in C)

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Cato's Advice

What Cato advises, most certainly wise is,
Not always to labour, but sometimes to play,
To mingle sweet pleasure with search after treasure,
Indulging at night for the toils of the day:
And while the dull miser esteems himself wiser,
His bags to increase, while his health does decay,
Our souls we enlighten, our fancies we brighten,
And pass the long evenings in pleasure away.

All cheerful and hearty, we set aside party,
With some tender fair the bright bumper is crown'd;
Thus Bacchus invites us, and Venus delights us
While care in an ocean of claret is drown'd:
See, here's our physician, we know no ambition,
But where there's good wine and good company foun'd;
Thus happy together, in spite of all weather,
'Tis sunshine and summer with us the year round.

Henry Carey
Cato's Advice.
XVIIIth Century Drinking-song.

Tenor.

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Brightly and with strongly marked rhythm.

Piano.

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