### WHEREFORE AND WHY:

O the world is a happy and beautiful world ! Said a child that I met by the way, For hark ! how the wild winds rush through

the pines;
And see how the sunlight dances and shines

Where the rippling waters stray,

O the woodlands are filled, with wonderfu

things,
There the woodpecker taps, and the storm-

throstle sings,
And the squirrels are every at play:
There the startled water-hen claps her wing And the dragon-fly airy summersaults flings And the trout breaks the pool into sparkling

rings,
And the the bulrush waves in the tangle

springs
Where the white-lily floats all day.'

'Ah! the world is a beautiful world!' I said \* To a shadowless spirit like thine !\*

As from forest and field through the shining hours,

He heaped up his treasures of eggs and flower And fairy-stones and fine.

nes, from coppice and hollow hard-by,

Rang out his blythe and exulting cry, Till the sunlight had ceased to shine. When the blue veil of twilight covered thosky And the spirit-like sters came out on high. And slumber fell soft on his weary eye, Still he murmured- How fast the hours do

For a life se happy as mine !"

O this world is a dark and a wearison

Said a man that I met by the way; I lock on my lifetime of fourscore years

And alss! what a picture of gloom it appear What fearful phantasies fill the brain; For the near with its visions of sorrow and nair

Still haunts me by night and by day.

What is life, when our pleasures to quickly When all that we toil for and hope for, is vain

And long in the dreary churchyard have lain. The dear friends of youth; and alone I remain O, would that I too were away !'

O the world goeth round from sun to sun,-Now moonlight and starlight shine-Surely wiser we grow; yet the Wherefore ar

That this thing or that thing first should die Poor man hath ne wit to divine.

The grey moru is breaking; the cock ma

The wind and the rain may beat and blow,

And the dark sky reddon and shine : Bt the child so light-hearted some hours ago, Is mute—aye! and blind—in death lying low Whilst the old man wakes up, and rocks to an

Moaning over,- O, would that I too might go What a wearisome life is mine !

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> I thee read see that me. Love is down will I'll have
> But that and you have you'll
> One and up if you if

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