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This life is like a fit...ful dream, with vis...ions tru...ly

strange, Where ev'...ry day and ev'...ry hour must chro...nicle its

change: The sun may be all bright to day, and Na...ture smile with

glee, And yet to-mor... ..row be as dark, as dark, as

Na...ture's night can be ----- as Na.....ture's night can be.

CHORUS.

Then let us seize up....on the smile that For.....tune

Waltz time.

kind.....ly wears, To drink from plea...sure's prof...ferred

cup, and mys...ti...fy our cares; For now we

may, in truth, be glad, pro...ba...tion's task is done;

We...ve brave...ly fought the glo...rious fight, the vic...to...

...ry is won... the vic...to...ry is won.

2^d Verse. For years we've toiled up on the road whose ter..mi..nus is fame; But

3^d ,, Our stan...dard floats up on the breeze, in all its ancient pride; Be..

not to gain ap..plause alone, or build ourselves a name: Our country bade us
 ..neath its folds our fathers fought, with "glo...ry," side by side— Then sa..cred be the
 doff the "Cit" and don the "grey Ca..det," And we have sought to earn 'her smile; her
 ho...ly trust, our Coun..try thus has shown, And let her ne'er repent the day, the
 smile, and banish all re..gret, and banish all re..gret. CHORUS.
 day, she made her fa...vor known, she made her fa...vor known. D: "

4th Verse. Those pa..ges we have read so long, no more will task the brain — We've,

5th ,, We leave, not quite without re..gret, the joys that we have known, But

gathered all the wheat we could, and let the chaff re..main: Long may the good that
 whilst we drop a si...lent tear, the tear is not a..lone: A smile comes up to
 we have learned re..main with us in store, And may the fu...ture add its
 chase the gloom of tear...ful eyes a..way, And, af..ter all, when we de...
 mite, its mite, to make the quantum more, to make the quan..tum more. CHORUS
 ..part, depart, 'twill be a hap..py day, 'twill be a hap...py day. D: "

6th Verse. And tho' we soon must bid adieu— must part for many a year — Fond

7th ,, But, ere we go, we'll bid "Godspeed" to those we leave be..hind, And

mem'ry holds each im..age fast, and makes it doubly dear; What, then, tho' o..cean
 hope they ne'er may drop a tear on sor....row's mournful shrine: And to West Point we'll
 roll between, or mountain bar..riers rise! The bond that binds us will re..
 bid a..dieu, its scenes, its joys and cares, We go to meet, what..er' of
 ..main, remain, 'till mem'ry's im..age dies, 'till mem'ry's im..age dies. CHORUS
 these, of these, fu..tu...ri...ty pre..pares, fu...tu...ri...ty pre...pares. D: "

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