

# Desiderata

## Madder Mortem

You are a child of the universe  
No less than the trees and the stars  
And you have a right to be here  
And whether or not it is clear to you  
No doubt the universe is unfolding as it should  
Therefore, be at peace with God  
Whatever you conceive Him to be  
And whatever your labors and aspirations  
In the noisy confusion of life  
Keep peace with your soul  
I try to be, I strive to be  
Oh, I wish to be happy  
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Oh, Desiderata  
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As far as possible, without surrender  
Be on good terms with all persons  
Speak your truth quietly and clearly  
And listen to the dull and the ignorant  
They too have their story  
Avoid loud and aggressive persons  
They are vexatious to the spirit  
If you compare yourselves with others  
You may become vain or bitter  
For always there will be greater  
And lesser persons than yourself  
Enjoy your achievements  
As well as your plans  
Keep interested in your career however humble  
It is a real possession  
In the changing fortunes of time  
I try to be, I strive to be  
Oh, I wish to be happy  
I try to be, I strive to be  
Oh, I wish to be happy  
Oh, Desiderata  
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Be yourself, especially do not feign affection

Neither be cynical about love  
Take kindly the council of the years  
Gracefully surrendering the things of youth  
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune  
But do not distress yourself with imaginings  
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness  
Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle to yourself  
With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams  
It is still a beautiful world  
I try to be, I strive to be  
Oh, I wish to be happy  
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Oh, I wish to be happy  
Oh, Desiderata  
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Oh, Desiderata  
Go placidly amid the noise and the haste  
And remember what peace there maybe in silence

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