

# What if a longer time we had to live

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Say four decades or more of health and sense  
More time to learn, to work, to play, to give  
Before we, as we must, become past tense.

What wisdom we may have would mellow, swell  
Our hard-won life skills honed and used aright  
Not wasted, but passed on. Our young we'd tell  
How best to live without the need to fight.

But what if they regard it as deranged  
To keep the jobs which youth need to fulfil  
To hoard all wealth and leave no room for change  
To make them wait so long they lose their will?

And they may well be right. Best not to fret.  
Enjoy what life we have. And yet! And yet!

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