

On The Question: "How Long Should We Desire To Live?"

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Stallings: *"For anyone who has been born desires to hold on tight To life - at least as long as he's detained by sweet delight"*

Melville: *"A man once born must wish to stay in life So long as soothing pleasure keeps him there."*

Leonard, 1916 (from Perseus): *"Whosoever Hath been begotten wills perforce to stay In life, so long as fond delight detains"*

Personally I prefer the implications of Stallings and Leonard in this case. I notice from the Smith excerpt, however, that the context of this line has quite a bit going on. I'll await the podcast discussion before going any further. All in due time!