

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

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The key phrase here seems to be:  
retinebit blanda voluptas;

Retinebit is the verb translated as keep, etc, in the translations. Here are its connotations:

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o hold in check, keep within bounds, to restrain, check

Voluptas is simply they Latin for pleasure, ἡδονή hēdonē. What kind of pleasure?

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Blanda: Flattering, pleasant, agreeable, enticing, alluring, charming, seductive

So, as long as we are held in check, restrained, bound to this life by enticing, alluring pleasure.  
Or whatever paraphrase you want to use with those connotations.