

## Harvey Fierstein

### "To Life"

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To life! To life! L'chai-im!  
L'chai-im, l'chai-im, to life!  
If you've been lucky, then Monday was No worse than  
Sunday  
was,  
Drink l'chai-im, to life.

To life, l'chai-im!  
L'chai-im, l'chai-im, to life!  
One day it's honey and raisin cake,  
Next day a stomach ache,  
Drink L'chai-im, to life!

Our great men have written words of  
Wisdom to be used  
When hardship must be faced;  
Life obliges us with hardship  
So the words of wisdom  
shouldn't go to waste.

To us and our good fortune  
Be happy be healthy, long life!  
And if our good fortune never comes  
Here's to whatever comes,  
Drink l'chaim, to life!

To life, to life, l'chai-im,!  
L'chai-im, l'chai-im, to life!  
Life has a way of confusing us  
Blessing and bruising us,  
Drink l'chaim, to life,

To life, l'chaim!  
L'chaim, l'chaim, to life!  
A gift we seldom are wise enough  
Ever to prize enough,  
Drink l'chaim, to life!

God would like us to be joyful  
Even though our hearts lie panting on the floor;  
How much more can we be joyful,

When there's really something  
To be joyful for.

To life, to life, L'chai-im!  
L'chai-im, l'chai-im, to life!  
It gives you something to think about,  
Something to drink about,  
Drink l'chai-im, to life! l'chai-im !

the blessing and bruising us part comes first.

the honey and raisin cake is not in the song at all.

you forgot the part about there lives being more  
pleasant

then there future ones.

This may be a version of "To Life", but it's not the  
version from either the play or the movie. In "Fiddler,"  
the song is about the wedding of Tevye's daughter.

To Life

Here's to our prosperity, our good health and  
happiness,  
and most important ...  
To life, to life, la kayim,  
La kayim, la kayim, to life,  
Here's to the father I tried to be,  
Here's to my bride-to-be,  
Drink la kayim, to life,  
To life, la kayim,  
La kayim, la kayim, to life,  
Life has a way of confusing us,  
Blessing and bruising us,  
Drink la kayim, to life!  
God would like us to be joyful, even when our hearts lie  
panting on the floor.  
How much more can we be joyful, when there's really  
something to be joyful for?  
To life, to life, la kayim,  
To Tzeitel, my daughter--my wife,  
It gives you something to think about,  
Something to drink about,  
Drink la kayim, to life!

(Le Morta!  
Yes, Lazar Wolf?  
Drinks for everyone!  
What's the occasion?)

I'm taking myself a bride!  
Who is it?  
Tevye's eldest, Tzeitel!)

To Lazar Wolf--  
To Tevye!  
To Tzeitel, your daughter--my wife!  
May all your futures be pleasant ones,  
Not like our present ones,  
Drink la kayim, to life,  
To life, la kayim,  
La kayim, la kayim, to life,  
It takes a wedding to make us say,  
"Let's live another day,"  
Drink la kayim, to life!  
We'll raise a glass and sip a drop of schnapps in honor  
of  
the great  
good luck that favors you,  
We know that when good fortune favors two such men,  
it  
stands to reason,  
we deserve it too!  
To us and our good fortune!  
Be happy, be healthy, long life!  
And if our good fortune never comes,  
Here's to whatever comes,  
Drink la kayim, to life!

Heaven bless you both, to your health and may we live  
together in peace!  
May you both be favored with the future of your choice,  
May you live to see a thousand reasons to rejoice!

We'll raise a glass and sip a drop of schnapps in honor  
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good luck that favors you,  
We know that when good fortune favors two such men,  
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we deserve it too!  
To us and our good fortune!  
Be happy, be healthy, long life!  
And if our good fortune never comes,  
Here's to whatever comes,  
Drink la kayim, to life!

