

Let Us Now Praise Idle Men (and Women)

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It's time to celebrate
the Late-sleepers
and merry drinkers,
the loafers & slackers & slow-pokes.
The ones on permanent vacation,
unhurried and unworried,
the rose-smellers & growing-grass watchers, what harm
did they ever do?

How about a cheer
for siesta snoozers
and Lazy losers,
the long joke-tellers
and deep toke-takers,
life is too short
for conformity.

Let's give a prize
to the underachievers, the shiftless shirkers, the less-than-full-potential workers,
the Laid-back quitters,
the mushroom-sitters & hookah-huffers,
they never started a war
nor enslaved anyone.

We could give a parade
for the noon-time nappers & ne'er-do-wells,
but they'd sleep right through it
so let's leave them alone.

They are slumbering
toward a higher calling,
they are poets of their own lives
seining the sea of their dreams
for the meaning of bliss.

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