

What Matter Though We Seek with Pain

John G. Whittier, from
"The Seeking of the Waterfall"

Alexander Johnson, 1818;
alto W. M. Cooper, 1902

1. What mat - ter though we seek with pain
2. To seek is bet - ter than to gain;
3. Our sweet il - lu - sions on - ly die,

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The Gar - den of the Gods in vain, ____
The fond hope dies as we at - tain. ____
Ful - fill - ing Love's sure pro - phe - cy; ____

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— If lured there - by we climb to
— Life's fair - est things are those which
— And ev - ery wish for bet - ter

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greet Some way - side blos - som E - den - sweet?
seem, The best is that of which we dream.
things An un-dreamed beau - ty near - er brings.