Lucrezia Borgia.
(1833.)
"Il segreto per esser felici."
Brindisi.

GAETANO DONIZETTI.
(1797-1848.)

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Allegretto ma non troppo.

Il segreto per esser felici:
It is better to laugh than be

li - ci So per pro - vae li - se - gne a - lla - mi - ci.

sigh - ing, When we think how life's moments are fly - ing; For each
renovated dairy

sorrowful ever is bringing, There's a pleasure in store for us

ge-lo, Scherzo be-volo derido gl'in-sani Che si
singing. Tho' our joys, like to waves in the sunshine, Glaun a-

Dan del futuro pensier, Scherzo be-volo derido gl'in-
while, then are lost to the sight, Yet, for each sparkling ray That so

sa-ni Che si dan del futuro pensier. Non e-
passes away, Comes another as brilliant and light. Then'tis
mosso  p

ria-mo lin-er-to do-ma-ni, Se que-st'og-gi nè da-to go-

bet-ter to laugh than be sigh-ing, They are wise who re-solve to be
der,
gay;

Sempre ff

Se que-st'og-gi nè da-to go-de-r, Se que-st'og-gi nè
When we think how life's mo-ments are fly-ing, En-joy plea-sure's

p

ff

p

da-to go-de-r,
gifts while we may,
en -

ff

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Allegretto.

dato go-der!
joy while we may!

con brio

Pro-fiae-mo de-gli-an-ni flo-ren-ti, il pia-
In the world we some be-ings dis-cov-er, Far too

cer li fa cor-rer piu len-ti, So vic-chiez-za con li-va-
frig-id for friend or for lov-er; Souls un-blest, and for ev-er re-

fae-cia stam-mig ter-go e mia vi-ta mi-nac-cia, Scher-ze e
pin-ing, Tho'good for-tune a-round them be shin-ing. It were
be-vóe de-rí-do gl'insa-ní
To some planet far distant from
wel-l, if such hearts we could ban-ish

sier,
Scher-zó e be-vóe de-rí-do gl'in-sa-ní Che sì si
eurs,
They're the dark spots we trace on this earth's favored space, They are

rall.                  p rall poco più
rall poco più

rall poco più

ria-mo lin-cer-to do-
thet to laugh than be
ma-ni, Se que-stó-gi nè da-to go-
sigh-ing, They are wise who re-solve to be -
Sequestrog-gi nè da-to go-
When we think how life's mo - ments are

string.

der, sequestrog-gi nè da-to go-der,
fly-ing, En-joypleasure's gifts while we may,

string.

nè en - da-to go-der!
En-joy while we may!