

Poem from the Program of “**The Natural Dancing Classes**” at Oberlin College
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Why Dance?

For rhythmic sense of action free
We dance.
To make life what it ought to be
We dance.
We dance to bring us sweet release
From cares of day, and troubles ease
So that we come at last to peace
We dance.

For molding characters of worth
We dance.
To realize our aims on earth
We dance.
To thrust conventions that confine
Our spirits in too straight line
To bring much nearer the divine
We dance.

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