What is Life?

Webster dictionary:

a) **the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional being from a dead body or purely chemical matter**
b) **the state of a material complex or individual characterized by the capacity to perform certain functional activities including metabolism , growth , and reproduction**

Samuel Butler:

Life is one long process of getting tired.

Jacques Prevert:

Life too is an epidemic, sons catching it from fathers, daughters from mothers.

Shakespeare (Macbeth V.v.):

Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage
And then is heard no more: it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury
Signifying nothing.

John Keats (Sleep and Poetry):

Stop and consider! Life is but a day;
A fragile dew-drop on its perilous way
From a tree's summit;