

Would God I were the tender apple blossom
That floats and falls
from off the twisted bough
To lie and faint within your silken bosom
Within your silken bosom
as that does now.
Or would I were a little burnish'd apple
For you to pluck me, gliding by so cold
While sun and shade
you robe of lawn will dapple
Your robe of lawn,
and you hair's spun gold.

Yea, would to God I were among the roses
That lean to kiss you
as you float between
While on the lowest branch a bud uncloses
A bud uncloses, to touch you, queen.
Nay, since you will not love,
would I were growing
A happy daisy, in the garden path
That so your silver foot
might press me going
Might press me going even unto death.