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 shade you robe of lawn will dap-ple your robe of lawn, and your hair's spun gold.

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
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 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.