

A Lady to Her Husband

Forget me not - though brighter eyes
May beam with sparkling fire;
Forget me not - though fairer forms
May cause thee to admire.

Within my bosom beats a heart:
From sin and falsehood free,
And in the bloom of youthful hope,
I gave that heart to thee.

Who left for thee that happy home,
And took thee as her guide,
Who would set for the world have sold
Her station by thy side?

When sickness racked thy languid frame,
Who watched thy painful bed,
Whose fingers wet thy parched lips,
And bathed thy aching head?

Whose silent step at midnight hour,
Whose form thou met thy sight,
Whose eyes, when pain released its power,
Glow sparkled with delight.

Will prouder dames, with fairer forms,
Thus round thy sick bed stay -
Should you for false deceitful hearts -
Cast mine that pure away.

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May beam with sparkling fire,
O leave me not though fairer forms
May cause thee to admire.

Within my bosom beats a heart
From sin and falsehood free,
That heart, while life's weak lamp shall burn
Shall ever beat for thee.

Obscurely I have passed my life
A wretched ignorant,
Till I like Pygmalion, woke and found
Myself in morning's glances?

A change. All darkly has life's weather been
Though now so bright and sunny
But then this change is not so strange
I've lately had some money.

When I went forth as I saw
As if from burning lava
I seemed a living thing of
The golden-tint of Java

Change it's not so now for all I vow
I lack now, like flies round honey
Oh! magic change of Fortune's wand
I've lately had some money.

I used to say some funny things
at last I dared to think so
But dead upon the ear they fell
And all away would shrink so

My mouth I never open now
But all I say is funny
They'll soon get being hysterical on
I've lately had some money

Though young and handsome, once I thought
That I should ne'er be wedded
Mamas, their daughters kept from me
As from a scarecrow decreed

The ugliest girl I could not move
Got her with hump and one eye
But angels now run after me
I've lately had some money

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