A Song in the Rival Sisters, Set by Mr. Henry Purcell, Sung by Miss Cross.



How happy, how happy is she,
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That early, that early her Passion begins,
And willing, and willing with Love to agree,
Does not stay till she comes to her Teens:
Then, then she's all pure and Chast,
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Like Angels her Smiles to be priz'd;
Pleasure is seen Cherub Fac'd,
And Nature appears, and Nature appears undisguis'd.

From Twenty to Thirty, and then
Set up for a Lover in vain;
By that time we study how Men,
May be wrack'd with Neglect and Disdain:
Love dwells where we meet with desire,
Desire which Nature has given:
She's a Fool then that feeling the Fire,
Begins not to warm at Eleven.