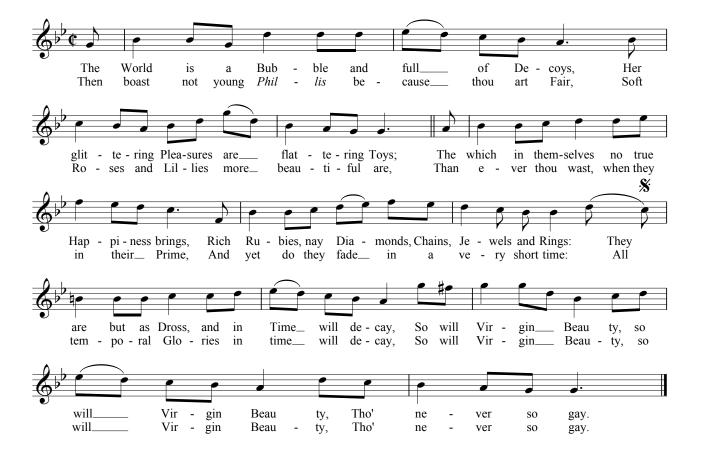
A 'Squire's Choice; or the Coy Lady's Beauty by him admir'd.



Since all things are changing and nothing will last,
Since Years, Months, and Minutes thy Beauty will blast,
Like Flowers that fade in the fall of the Leaf,
Afford me thy Favour and pity my Grief:
E'er thy Youth and Beauty does clearly depart,
For thou art my Jewel, for thou art my Jewel,
The Joy of my Heart.

I value not Riches, for Riches I have,
I value not Honour, no Honour I crave;
But what thou art able to bless me withal,
And if by thy Frowns to Despair I should fall:
Then Farewel those Joys which so long I have sought,
To languish in Sorrow, to languish in Sorrow,
Alass! I am brought.

I come not to flatter, as many have done, Afford me a Smile, or my Dear I shall run Distracted, as being disturbed in Mind, Then now, now, or never be loving and kind: This Day thou canst cherish my sorrowful State, To morrow sweet Jewel, to morrow sweet Jewel, It may be too late.

You know that young Women has rail'd against Men, And counted them false and base flatterers, when We find that your Sexs are as cruel to us, Or else you would never have Tortur'd me thus: As now you have done by your Darts of Disdain, You know that I love you, you know that I love you. Yet all is in vain.