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A NEW VERSION.

I would not die in spring time,
When everything is gay,
When every spouts are shooting up
And birds begin to squall—
For then the girls are full of charms,
And smile upon the men,
When lambs and peas are in their prime—
I would not perish then.

I would not die in summer,
When fruit is filled with fruit,
And every [illegible] shine a gun
To shoot the shoot;
The girls then wear their sweetest dress,
And half distract the men;
It is a fine time to sweat it out—
I would not perish then.

I would not die in autumn,
When new-mown hay smells sweet,
And little pigs are rooting round
For something nice to eat.
'Tis then the hunter's whistle blows
Is heard along the glen,
And oysters begin to fatten up—
I would not perish then.

I would not die in winter,
For one might freeze to death;
When blustering Boreas sweeps around
And takes away one's breath—
When sleigh-bells jingle, horse snort,
And buckwheat cakes are hot;
In fact, this is a right good world—
I would not die at all.

Secret Love.

"Lady Eveline. I have a proposal for your hand in marriage from the baronet. Sir William Hamilton, who has but just left my presence. I have given my sanction to his wooing, and he will be here again this evening to proffer his suit to you in person," said Lord Francis Roseleigh to his daughter, as the latter entered the apartment in which her sire sat, and whither she had been summoned by a messenger from him.

"The baronet, Sir William Hamilton, wishes me for a bride!" faltered out the Lady Eveline, in disma[illegible] and with paling [illegible].

"Is it so very [illegible]ge that Sir William has taken a fancy to my daughter, who has beauty, if not sufficient wealth to grace any [illegible]" inquired Lord Francis, [illegible] as he gazed upon her [illegible] nobly born and [illegible] Lady Eveline, though [illegible] sire does not possess such [illegible] as the once [illegible]ored so [illegible] her p[illegible]

The last remark of Lord Francis Roseleigh was very true, for though he was possessor of a title, yet the estate which had descended to him from his ancestors was meagre and poor. But then the nobleman had always kept up his good name, and made a fair appearance amid the most wealthy nobility with whom he associated.

He was a skillful and successful manager, and his household expenditures all came under his own eye, and were conducted with economy and taste, so that the Lady Eveline, though she knew they were not as wealthy as some of their friends, yet never realized how rigid was the economy which supplied her with the delicacies which she saw about her every day

Her father loved her, and gloried in her exceeding beauty,

She had been his hope for years. If she made a brilliant match, then his ends would all be answered; and so he kept the burden of their straits to himself, and lived on from day to day, hoping that all his fond dreams would at last be realized.

This morning a most brilliant proposal for her hand had been made, and now Lord Roseleigh grew light hearted over the bright prospect which opened for his child.

But the Lady Eveline now looked up into her sire's face.

She had recovered her color, and a sunny smile was on her features as she made reply—

"Oh, I wasn't thinking of the baronet's fancy, my dear father, only so far as it concerned our ages. But you know that Sir William is at least twenty years older and I don't think is a suitable match at all. Why, he is fully as old as you my father, and how strangely we should look together.'

And the lady burst forth into a merry peal of laughter at the thought.

But Lord Roseleigh did not join in the merriment.

Instead, his countenance darkened, and he spoke in tones so unlike his usual kind ones, that they sounded odd and harsh to his daughter's ears.

'Listen to me, Lady Eveline, and put aside this trifling manner, for it appears to me very unseemly, as I see no impropriety in this match. Sir William, though older than you in years, yet has a young heart and countenance. He is immensely wealthy, and most ladies would consider this fact a sufficient [illegible] ment to become his wife. [illegible] you seem to overlook this [illegible]. As his bride, you would dwell [illegible] like a queen, and be the [illegible] of your [illegible]. Honor [illegible] side, it is both suitable [illegible] offered. I have already given [illegible] word to the baronet that it shall take place at [illegible] you perceive my daughter, [illegible] nothing left for you but to [illegible] busy with your wedding [illegible] after you have heard [illegible] Sir William, and given him a favorable answer to night.'

As her sire was speaking, the smile died from the features of his daughter, and her face grew pale.

She realized that her parent was deeply in earnest, and had set his mind upon this match with the baronet.

Hitherto she had ever looked upon his word as law.

He had always been kind and indulgent to her, but she knew that he could be firm and unmoved when he determined upon any particular course of action.

But this marriage was against all the principles of her nature. She felt in her soul that she could not wed the baronet, though he were rich as Crœsus himself.

Ah, she could never do this, for did not her heart hold a secret which would prevent this step, if there were no other reasons against it? And so Lady Eveline ventured once more to offer remonstrance.

Going up to her sire, she flung herself down before him, and with earnest voice entreated him to revoke this hasty decision.

'I cannot! indeed, I cannot wed Sir William Hamilton! Tell him when he comes again, my dear [illegible] do not condemn me to wed this old man, whom I can never, never love!' she pleaded.

But Lord Roseleigh was inflexible. He could not alter his decision.

She would get over this girlish sentiment, and become happy ere she had been united to the baronet a twelvemonth, he replied, in cold, unmoved tones, and his daughter rose up from before him, and went out from the room, feeling for the first time in her life that her father was hard, stern and cruel.

But it cost Lord Roseleigh an effort to be thus inflexible.

The Lady Eveline was his worshipped idol, and to thwart her in anything was a great cross to him.

To doom her bright eyes to the tears which he perceived were upon the lids as she left the apartment, gave a pang of sharp pain to his own heart. But it was for the best, he reasoned. So, after he was alone, the nobleman rose and paced the room in a disturbed, uneasy mood, saying, as he strode to and fro—

'I can see no other prospect so advantageous for my child. The marriage must, then, proceed. By it the Lady Eveline will escape the poverty which must necessarily come after my decease, if she remains single till then. Let it go forward, she may learn to thank me for it in the end.'

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That evening Sir William Hamilton came to press his suit with Lady Eveline. But [illegible] Lord Roseleigh sent [illegible] that she had [illegible] drawing [illegible] looking [illegible] want it. B[illegible] her with a gl[illegible] as he went forward t[illegible] and whispered in low ton[illegible] ear—

'Bring only a bright [illegible] cheerful face here, Lady Eveline. I command it both out of respect to ourselves and in honor to our guest.'

Then he led her forward, and presented her to her future spouse, uttering a few words of parental congratulations to the two. After that, Lord Roseleigh went from the room, leaving the two together alone.

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She paused and the clustering vines which overhung some shrubbery at the termination of the walk she had chosen.

As she did so a figure of a young and fine looking man sprang out of the thicket, and for a moment the Lady Eveline was clasped in the stranger's arms.

'Ah, it is you Lady Eveline! And you have come at last, after my weary watch of a full half hour!' exclaimed the man, in fond, yet half reproachful tones.

'Waiting, have you been, Phillip? Yet you are hidden away so closely when I come that I am compelled to gaze about ere you make your appearance, and then you come dashing from the thicket, and affright me out of my breath,' she replied, smilingly.

'Oh, yes, I hid away in yonder shrubbery, because I heard a footstep, and thought it might not be you, dearest Lady Eveline; and now I humbly crave your pardon for giving you a moment's uneasiness or fright,' he exclaimed, in manly tones, adding fondly, as he gazed at her with an expression of deepest affection, 'You know well our secret would be endangered were I observed here at this time of night.'

[illegible]gement [illegible] know it, and [illegible] chief o[illegible] you had good r[illegible] yourself, Philip. [illegible] excited and nervous [illegible] it is no small wonder if [illegible] any reason left,' she ejaculated tones.

'What is it that annoys y[illegible] Eveline? Tell it me, that I may drive it hence at once,' said the young man, in eager tones, as he tenderly stroked the brown locks, and pressed the slender hand more firmly in his own.

'Listen, Philip, and then say if we have not cause to be disturbed and unhappy. The baronet Sir William Hamilton, has been with us to-day, and seeks my hand in marriage. My father has bidden me receive him as my future husband, and he came this eve to press [illegible] me [illegible] an early d[illegible] Wedding, she replied [illegible]

'A[illegible] lady [illegible] an? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]