

Would You Gain the Tender Creature

Damon's air from pastoral opera *Acis and Galatea* (tenor)

Text by *John Gay* (1685-1732) [Br]

Set by *Georg Friedrich Händel* (1685-1759) [Gr / Br]

Would you gain the tender creature,
[wʊd ju geɪn ðə 'tɛn.də 'kri.tʃə]¹

Softly, gently, kindly treat her;
Suffring is the lover's part.

Beauty by constraint possessing,
You enjoy but half the blessing,

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The entire text to this title with the complete  
IPA transcription is available for download.

*Thank you!*



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<sup>1</sup> The IPA transcription is in Mid-Atlantic pronunciation with British Received Pronunciation (RP) alternates.