

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;
Suff'ring is the lover's part.

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

Lifeless charms without the heart.

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

Thank you!



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