

## **Le serpent** [lə sɛʁ.pɑ̃] (The Serpent)

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**Tu t'acharnes sur la beauté.**  
[ty ta.ʃaʁ.nə syr la bo.te]  
You yourself-set against the beauty.  
(*You set yourself against beauty.*)

Et quelles femmes ont été  
Victimes de ta cruauté!  
Ève, Eurydice, Cléopâtre;  
J'en connais encor trois ou quatre.

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