

## Silvered is the Raven Hair

Jane's song from *Patience, or Bunthorn's Bride* (contralto)

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**Silvered/(Silver'd) is the raven hair,**  
['sɪl.vəd ɪz ðə 'reɪv.ən hɛə]

**Spreading is the parting straight,**  
['sprɛd.ɪŋ ɪz ðə 'pɑːt.ɪŋ stɹeɪt]

Mottled the complexion fair,  
Halting is the youthful gait,  
Hollow is the laughter free,  
Spectacled the limpid eye,  
Little will be left of me  
In the coming bye and bye!

Fading is the taper waist,  
Shapeless grows the shapely limb,  
And although severely laced,  
Spreading is the figure trim!  
Stouter than I used to be,  
Still more corpulent grow I—  
There will be too much of me  
In the coming by and bye!

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*Thank you!*

