

## E stati alquanto

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**E**        **stati**        **alquanto**        **come**        **bimbi**        **persi,**  
[e        'sta:.ti        al.'kwan.to        'ko:.me        'bim.bi        'pɛr.si]  
And    having-been    somewhat    like        children    lost,  
(*And having behaved somewhat like lost children,*)

**Noi**    **ritrovammo**    **entrambi**    **la**    **favella.**  
[no:i    ri.tro.'vam.mo    ɛn.'tram.bi    la    fa.'vɛl.la]  
we    found-again    both    the    speech.  
(*we both found our speech again,*)

Ed io così m'apersi  
A Biondinella.

Son ito a navigar molta marina  
E n'ho vedute, delle belle, assai;  
Ma come te, Biondina,  
Oh, no! giammai.

Se fui cortese a niuna in altri lidi  
D'un sorrisetto, d'un sospir, d'un fiore,  
A te, quando ti vidi,  
Ho dato il core.

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*Thank you!*

