

As Ever I Saw

Text by an anonymous poet of the 16th century [Br]

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She is gentle and also wise;
[ʃi iz 'dʒɛn.təl ænd 'ɔl.so:ʊ wa:ɪz]

Of all other she beareth the prize,
[ɒv ɔl 'ʌð.ə si 'beɪ.əθ ðʌ pra:ɪz]

That ever I saw.

To hear her sing, to see her dance!
She will the best herself advance,
That ever I saw.

To see her fingers that be so small!
In my conceit she passeth all
That ever I saw.

Nature in her hath wonderly wrought,
Christ never such another bought,
That ever I saw.

I have seen many that have beauty,
Yet is there none like to my lady
That ever I saw.

Therefore I dare this boldly say,
I shall have the best and fairest may
That ever I saw.

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