

The Complacent Lover [ðʌ kəm.'plə:ɪ.sənt 'lʌv.ə]

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Phyllis is my only joy,
[ˈfɪl.ɪs ɪz ma:ɪ 'o:ʊn.li dʒɔ:ɪ]

Faithless as the winds or seas,
[ˈfe:ɪθ.lə(ɪ)s æz ðʌ wɪndz ɔɹ siz]

Sometimes cunning, sometimes coy,
Yet she never fails to please;
If with a frown, I am cast down,
Phyllis smiling and beguiling
makes me happier than before.

Though, alas! too late I find
Nothing can her fancy fix,
Yet the moment she is kind,
I forgive her with her tricks;
Which though I see, I can't get free,
She deceiving, I believing,
What need lovers wish for more.

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