

## When I Was One-and-Twenty

Text by *Alfred Edward Housman* (1859-1936) [Br], from *A Shropshire Lad*  
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**When I was one-and-twenty**  
[wɛn aɪ wɔz 'wʌn.ænd.'twɛn.ti]

**I heard a wise man say,**  
[aɪ hɜd ʌ waɪz mæn seɪ]

"Give crowns and pounds and guineas  
But not your heart away;  
Give pearls away and rubies  
But keep your fancy free."  
But I was one-and-twenty,  
No use to talk to me.

When I was one-and-twenty  
I heard him say again,  
"The heart out of the bosom  
Was never given in vain;  
'Tis paid with sighs a plenty  
And sold for endless rue."  
And I am two-and-twenty,  
And oh, 'tis true, 'tis true.

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