

Who Is Silvia? What Is She

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[hu ɪz 'sɪl.vjə ˌwʌt ɪz ʃi]

That all our swains commend her?
[ðæt ɔl a:ʊə swɛ:ɪnz kə.'mɛnd hɜ]

Holy, fair and wise is she;
The heavens (heav'ns) such grace did lend her,
That she might admired be.

Is she kind as she is fair?
For beauty lives with kindness.
Love doth to her eyes repair,
To help him of his blindness;
And being help'd, inhabits there.

Then to Silvia let us sing,
That Silvia is excelling;
She excels each mortal thing
Upon the dull earth dwelling;
To her let us garlands bring.

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