

Where the Bee Sucks

Text by *William Shakespeare* (1564-1616) [Br], from *The Tempest*, Act V, Scene 1
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Where the bee sucks there suck (lurk) I:
[wɛɹ̩ ðʌ bi sʌks ðɛɹ̩ sʌk lɜk ʔa:I]¹

In a cow-slip's bell (bed) I lie;
There I couch when owls do cry.
On a bat's back I do (do I) fly
After summer (sunset) merrily,
Merrily, merrily shall I live now
Under the blossom that hangs on the bough.

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¹ The IPA transcription is in Mid-Atlantic pronunciation with British Received Pronunciation (RP) alternates.