

Is She Not Passing Fair?

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Is she not passing fair,
[ɪz ʃi nɒt 'pæs.ɪŋ feɪ]
(RP) ['pɑs.ɪŋ]

She whom I love so well?
[ʃi hum a:I lʌv so:ʊ weɪ]

On earth, in sea, or air,
Where may her equal dwell?
Oh, tell me, ye who dare
To brave her beauty's spell,
Is she not passing fair,
She whom I love so well?

Whether she speak or sing,
Be jocund or serene,
Alike in ev'rything,
Is she not beauty's queen?
Then let the world declare,
Let all who see her tell,
That she is passing fair,
She whom I love so well!

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