

Mignonne, allons voir si la rose

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1. Sweet - heart, let's see the rose to - ge - ther,
2. See how she lost in so few ho - urs,
3. Sweet - heart, if you be - lieve this warn - ing,

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which, in this morn - ing's sun - warmed wea - ther
sweet - heart, her place a - mong the flow - ers,
now while your life is in its morn - ing,

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o - pened her pur - ple robes and shone,
her beau - ties fall - en by the way,
while still in blos - som, green and free,

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and let us see if she this eve - ning
And Na - ture oh har - vest if a vest youth: step - mo - ther
har - vest, oh har - vest youth: it frees you;

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for that hav - ing lost her robes is griev - ing;
just such a the rose, - ty old like age no will leave - ther
you

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her co - lor is so like your own.
on - ly could last a so a like sin - gle day.
on - ly a with - ered me - mo - ry.