

Yes, old mirror, I remember When, a fair and girlish thing, I could dance as bright before thee As the morn-dees of the spring.

I would look and you would flatter, As I took my merry whirl; All my ringlets loose, what matter? I was but a careless girl!

II.

Later, I appeared, to glance at Beauties of a riper mould,
Such as loving poets tell us
Only angels can unfold!
I don't think I was an angel,
For you helped me to improve
Loveliness, which, if I cherished,
Trust me, it was all for love!

III.

Love rewarded! I was happy;
Now I'm getting old and grey:
Still you do not see me mourning
For my beauty fled away.
Dear old mirror! keep within thee
Looks like those!—we'll never part
While I find reflected in thee
Smiles of a contented heart.



