

Thou'lt Be My Love - song lyrics

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From the opera of 'Poor Jonathan.'

Well, now, I willingly the contract sign!
Quite famous you will be within a year
And I a millionaire!
Perhaps 'twere well, a song for me to sing
In honor of this thing!
Twould be, I'm sure, well meant;
A fitting compliment.
Thou'lt be my love, I trow?
No, no, no, no!
Ah! wouldst thou scorn my caress?
Yes, yes, yes, yes!
Fearest thou love's sweet thrall, not so, at all,
For thee alone I watch, to thee I call!
So spoke Zanetto to Zuletta, Zanetto was a fellow, dear;
Where'er he went sigh'd ev'ry poveretta! "Oh look, oh look, a cavalier!"
He most of all, made love instanter, no one could bide his vanity;
And if on him a maiden's glance did wander,
One then would hear this double lay,
Now sly, now bold, now high, now low;
His no, his yes, his yes, his no!
"Thou'lt be my love, I trow?"
No, no, no, no!
"Ah! wouldst thou scorn my caress?"
Yes, yes, yes, yes!
Fearest thou love's sweet thrall? not so at all!
For thee alone I watch, to thee I call;
So did Zanetto many seasons
Still lonely, vain and stupid wait;
The fellow tho't from his conceited reasons
That any maid with him would mate.
At last each girl would make an ending of all his silly love-making;
Oh, poveretta! now then would each maiden
Just answer him in double lay.
Now bold, now sly, now high, now low;
A no, a yes, a yes, a no.
The melody a moral hath:
Seize fortune when 'tis in your path.
"Thou'lt be my love, I trow?"
No, no, no, no!
"Ah! wouldst thou scorn my caress?"
Yes, she really sings superbly, therefore let us.-Chorus.

Yes, yes, yes, yes, "See me now at your door!"
But wait light here, praise her greatly;
All our praise to her alone be,
For I am now another's dear.
Yes, I am now another's dear;
Given hail to the great, the sweet singer.
My line young fellow stop right here,
For I am now another's dear!
Hail! yes, the queen of singers hail!