

What saith my dainty darling?

n. 9 from *Of Thomas Morley the first booke of Balletts to five voyces, 1595*

Original English text

What saith my daintie darling,
shall I now your love obtaine. Fa la la.
Long time I sude for grace,
And grace you graunted mee,
When time should serve and place,
can any fitter bee. Fa la la.

Modern english text

What saith my dainty darling,
Shall I now your love obtain? Fa la la.
Long time I sued for grace,
And grace you granted me,
When time should serve and place,
Can any fitter be? Fa la la.

The Crystall running Fountaine,
In his language saith come Love. Fa la la.
The Birds, the Trees, the Felds,
Els none can us behold,
This bank soft lying yeelds,
And saith nice fooles be bould. Fa la la.

The crystal running fountain,
In his language saith: "Come love". Fa la la.
The birds, the trees, the fields,
Else none can us behold,
This bank soft lying yields,
And saith: "Nice fools, be bold!" Fa la la.

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Thomas Morley
(1557-1603)

[♩ = 72 ca.]

CANTUS
What saith my dain-ty dar-ling, Shall I now your love ob-
The crys-tal run-ning foun-tain, In his lan-guage saith: "Come

QUINTUS
What saith my dain-ty dar-ling, Shall I now your love ob-
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ALTUS
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TENOR
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