

Paolo—

I'm glad to find you all so bright and gay;  
Please, fairies, sing before you run away.

Fairy—

We've played so long, the hours of morn will  
pass

E're we can sip the dewdrops from the grass  
And glean the jewels from the lily's cup.  
The sunbeams now are gathering them up.

Then we must weave some garments for our  
queen.

No lighter gossamer was ever seen  
Than spider web woven by fairy hands  
To wear when dancing on the moonlit sands.

So now good-bye, we all must skip away;  
(We'll take dear Cupid with us, if we may,  
To catch the butterflies and paint their wings.)  
We wish you all the joy that springtime brings.

(Fairies and Cupid Exit)

Paolo, turning to Virginia—

'Tis thoughts of you have sped me on my way;  
Virginia, dear, I seek your hand to-day.

Paolo, taking Virginia's hands, looks into her eyes.

### Reflections

Paolo—

Deep in your eyes are glowing  
Lights that are soft and true;  
While in their centre mirrored  
Is the love that I feel for you.