

And when she saw him weep, "Sir," said she, "be not dismayed, since in a little while I shall have brought her to you in this town, and you shall see her."

And when Aucassin heard her he was very happy.

And she left him, and took her way in the town to the house of the Viscountess; for the Viscount, her godfather, was dead. She took lodging there, and she talked to her so that she revealed to her her affairs; and the Viscountess recognized her, and knew that it was indeed Nicolette, and that she had nurtured her. And she made her wash and bathe and rest, eight whole days.

And Nicolette took an herb which was named Esclaire, and rubbed herself with it, and was as fair as she had ever been any day. And she dressed