

Mediaeval Baebes, The "E Volentieri"

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Lyrics (14th century Italian)

Translation

Io mi son giovinetta e volentieri
I am a young maiden, and I willingly

M'allegro e canto en la stagion novella,
Rejoice and sing in the new season,

Merz d'amore e de'dolci pensieri.
Thanks to love and to my sweet thoughts.

Io ve pe' verdi prati riguardando
I wander through green meadows gazing

I bianchi fiori e gialli e i vermigli,
At the white and yellow and vermilion flowers,

Le rose in su le spine e i bianchi gigli,
At the roses above their thorns and the white lilies,

E tutti quanti gli vo somigliando
And all of them I liken

Al viso di colui che me, amando,
To the face of him who, loving me,

Ha presa e terr sempre, come quella
Took me and forever will keep me as the one

Ch'altro non ha in disio ch'e suoi piaceri.
Who desires nothing but his pleasures.

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