

## I Care Not For These Ladies

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I care not for these ladies  
That must be woo'd and pray'd  
Give me sweet Amaryllis  
The wanton country maid,  
Nature Art disdaineth,  
Her beauty is her own:

Chorus:

*And when we court and kiss  
She cries 'Forsooth, let go!'  
But when we come where comfort is  
She never will say no.*

If I love Amaryllis  
She brings me fruit and flowers  
But if we love these ladies  
We must bring golden showers  
Give them gold that sell love  
Give me the nut-brown lass

*Chorus*

These ladies must have pillows  
And beds by strangers wrought  
Give me a bow'r of willows  
Of moss and leaves unbought,  
And fresh Amaryllis  
On milk and honey fed,

*Chorus*

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