No. 18. Oh, foolish fay

Song and Chorus Queen and Fairies







(Exeunt Fairies sorrowfully, headed by Fairy Queen) (Enter Phyllis)

Phyllis: (half crying) I can't think why I'm not in better spirits. I'm engaged to two noble at once. That ought to be enough to make any girl happy; but I'm miserable. D suppose it's because I care for Strephon, for I hate him! No girl could care for man who goes about with a mother considerably younger than himself.

(Enter Lord Mountararat and Lord Tolloller)

Ld. Mount .: Phyllis, my darling!

Ld. Toll.: Phyllis! my own!

Phyllis: Don't! How dare you? But perhaps you're the two noblemen I'm engaged to?

Ld. Mount.: I am one of them.

Ld. Toll .: I am the other.

Phyllis: Oh, then, my darling! (to Lord Mountararat) My own! (to Lord Tolloller) Well, he you settled which it's to be?

Ld. Toll: Not altogether; it's a difficult position. It would be hardly delicate to toss up. the whole, we would rather leave it to you.

Phyllis: How can it possibly concern me? You are both earls, and you are both rich, and are both plain.