



V I C T O R I A N W O M E N

Tell me,

where is fancy bred

Ann Sheppard

Mounsey

Bartholomew



(1811-1891)



Ann Sheppard Mounsey (1811–91) was born in London and studied organ early in life. After 1828 she became the organist at various London churches, serving at St. Vedast Foster Lane for nearly fifty years. In 1845 she was accompanist at the premiere of Mendelssohn's anthem "Hear My Prayer." In 1853 she married its librettist, William Bartholomew (1793–1867). After her marriage she taught music in London and worked as a composer.



Ann Mounsey: lithograph by I. W. Slater after Joshua Slater for 'The Musical Keepsake' (1834)

Tell me where is fancy bred,
Or in the heart or in the head?
How begot, how nourished?
It is engender'd in the eyes,
With gazing fed; and fancy dies
In the cradle, where it lies.

Let us all ring fancy's knell;
I'll begin it – Ding, dong, bell.

The Merchant of Venice
Act 3 Scene 2
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

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Ann Sheppard Mounsey Bartholomew

Andante

S *p* Tell me, tell me, where, *f* where is fan - cy bred?

A *p* Tell me, tell me, where, *f* where is fan - cy bred?

T *p* Tell me, where, *f* where is fan - cy bred?

B *p* Tell me, where, *f* where is fan - - - cy bred?

5 S tell me, where, tell me, where, where is fan - cy bred? *p* Or

A tell me, where, tell me, where, where is fan - cy bred? *p* Or

T tell me, where, tell me, where, where is fan - cy bred? *p* Or

B where is fan - cy bred?

9 S in the heart, *f* or in the head? how be -

A in the heart, *f* or in the head?

T in the heart, *f* or in the head, or in the head?

B Or in the heart, *f* or in the head?

Tell me, where is fancy bred

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S got? — how be - got? — how nou - rish-ed? how nou - rish - ed?

A how be - got? how be - got? how nou - rish - ed? how nou - rish - ed?

T how be - got? how be - got? how nou - rish - ed? how nou - rish - ed?

B how be - got? how be - got? how nou - rish - ed? how nou - rish - ed? tell me,

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S tell me, where, tell me, where, where is fan - cy bred?

A tell me, where, tell me, where, where is fan - cy bred?

T tell me, where, tell me, where, where is fan - cy bred?

B where, tell me, where, where is fan - cy bred? where is fan - cy

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S Or in the heart, or in the head? *f* how be -

A Or in the heart, or in the head? *f* how be -

T *f* how be -

B bred? — where is fan - cy bred? — *f* how be -

Tell me, where is fancy bred

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S got? how be - got? how nou - rish - ed? how?

A got? how be - got? how nou - rish - ed? how?

T got? how be - got? how nou - rish - ed? how?

B got? how be - got? how nou - rish - ed, how nou - rish - ed?

rit.

Moderato

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S It is en - gen - der'd in theeyes, with gaz - ing fed,

A It is en - gen - der'd in theeyes, with gaz - ing fed,

T It is en - gen - der'd in theeyes, with gaz - ing fed,

B It is en - gen - der'd in theeyes, with gaz - ing fed, with

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S — with gaz - ing fed, It is en -

A — with gaz - ing fed, It is en - gen - der'd in the

T — with gaz - ing fed, It is en - gen - der'd in the eyes, in the

B gaz - ing fed, It is en - gen - der'd in the eyes, om the

Tell me, where is fancy bred

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S gen - der'd in the eyes, in the eyes, with gaz - ing fed, with

A eyes, in the eyes, in the eyes, with gaz - ing fed, with

T eyes, in the eyes, in the eyes, with gaz - ing fed, with

B eyes, with gaz - ing fed, with gaz - ing fed, with

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S gaz - ing fed; and fan - cy dies, fan - cy dies In the

A gaz - ing fed; and fan - cy dies, fan - cy dies in the

T gaz - ing fed; fan - cy dies In the

B gaz - ing fed; and fan - cy dies, fan - cy dies In the

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S cra - dle where it lies, In the cra - dle where it lies.

A cra - dle where it lies, In the cra - dle where it lies.

T cra - dle where it lies, In the cra - dle where it lies.

B cra - dle where it lies, In the cra - dle where it lies.

Tell me, where is fancy bred

Allegro

51 *f*

S Let us all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's knell,

A Let us all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's knell,

T Let us all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's knell,

B Let us all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's knell,

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S I'll _____ be - gin it, ding dong, ding dong bell,

A I'll _____ be - gin it, ding dong bell, ding dong, ding dong bell,

T ding dong bell, ding dong, ding dong bell,

B ding dong, ding dong bell,

59 *p*

S ding dong, ding dong bell: ding, ding, ding, ding, dong bell; ding,

A ding dong, ding dong bell: ding dong,

T ding dong, ding dong bell: ding dong,

B ding dong, ding dong bell: ding dong,

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S ding, ding, ding, dong bell; *f* ding a ding, ding a ding, ding a ding dong bell;

A ding dong, *p* ding dong bell; *f*

T ding dong, *p* ding dong bell; ding a dong, ding a

B ding dong, *p* ding a dong, ding a

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S *ff* ding dong, ding dong bell; *decresc.* ding dong, ding dong bell; *rit.* ding dong, ding dong bell.

A *ff* ding dong, ding dong bell; *decresc.* ding dong bell; *rit.* ding dong bell.

T *decresc.* dong, ding dong bell; *rit.* ding dong bell; ding dong bell.

B *decresc.* dong, ding dong bell; *rit.* ding dong bell; ding dong bell.

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