

THE EVER-LOVELY MAIDEN

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Air: "Funiculi, Funicula"

(Youth) Some think _____ it ver - y wrong to toy with chan - ces; _____ And so do I, _____
(Middle Age) Some say _____ It's ver - y wrong to court am - bi - tion; _____ But life is strife, _____
(Old Age) Ah me! _____ the shadows steal be - hind and length - en! _____ I've run my race _____

_____ and so do I _____ But much _____ de - pends up - on the cir - cum - stan - ces, _____
 _____ and strife is life; _____ I've sown _____ and reaped my share of fame's fru - i - tion, _____
 _____ with win - ning pace; _____ And wan - ing pow'rs' twere vain to try to strengthen, _____

_____ None can de - ny _____ at least not I! _____ For I _____ I do ad -
 _____ And like the strife _____ of ac - tive life! _____ But ah, _____ not ev - 'ry
 _____ So give I place _____ to fit - ter race! _____ But Oh! _____ tho' lit - tle

_____ mit the ac - cu - sa - tion _____ I love the win - somer maid to court, _____ I
 _____ day is full of gladness, _____ For sorrows come _____ to ev - 'ry home; _____ And
 _____ worth seems present pleasure, _____ The mind in vast _____ stores of the past, _____ 'Mid

_____ live _____ for her, and sigh to sa - ti - a - tion _____ For maid - en fair, _____ so deb - o -
 _____ friends _____ are few, when bit - ter - ness and sad - ness _____ Fill ful - ly up _____ the fate - ful
 _____ mem - o - ries, In most a - bounding measure, _____ Finds joys that last, _____ tho' die be

Chorus
 _____ nair! _____ Maid - en! Maid - en! Oh! so deb - o - nair! _____ Red - rose
 _____ cup! _____ "Maid - en, Maid - en," old - er, yet so fair! _____ Win - some
 _____ cast! _____ Then, ah then, the "Maid - en deb - o - nair," _____ Nev - er

_____ cheek and _____ gold - en tressed hair! She charms the sense; en - thralls the heart; In - spires the
 _____ wo - man, _____ tho' thy gold - en hair be sil - ver - ed, thy heart and head En - chant me
 _____ seemed so _____ beau - ti - ful and fair! She thrills the blood, the pul - ses fly! Re - vives the

_____ mind; and, free from art, _____ Maid - en deb - o - nair, "Psi Up - si - lon," My heart has won! _____
 _____ still, per - suademy will' _____ Ma - tron, ev - er fair! Psi Up - si - lon My hearthath won! _____
 _____ love! Oh! ec - sta - cy! _____ Sil - ver crown - ed *mère*, Psi Up - si - lon And life are one! _____