

*Tho'tis all but a dream!*



*A French Air,*

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**NOT TOO FAST**

Pia,  
cres al forte.  
cres

cres  
f  
p  
f

Tho'tis all but a dream at the best, And still when happiest soonest o'er, Yet ev'n in a dream to be

blest Is so sweet, that I ask for no more: The bosom that opes with earliest hopes, The

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soonest finds those hopes untrue, As flowers that <sup>first</sup> in spring time burst The earliest wither  
 too! Aye, 'tis all but a dream at the best, And still when happiest soonest o'er; Yet  
 ev'n in a dream to be blest Is so sweet, that I ask for no more.  
 eres  
 f p f

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By friendship we oft are deceiv'd,  
 And find the love we clung to, past—  
 Yet friendship will still be believ'd,  
 And love trusted on to the last:  
 The web in the leaves the spider weaves  
 Is like the charm Hope hangs o'er men,  
 Tho' often she sees it broke by the breeze,  
 She spins the bright tissue again.  
 Aye, 'tis all but &c.