Oh Nancy

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Austen's MS originally read 'Nanny', but was altered to read 'Nancy'.
Separate violin part also available.
Oh Nancy

Vln.

Hpschd.

Oh Nancy wilt thou fly with me nor

sigh to leave the charming town? Can silent glens have charms for thee, the

lowly cot and rustet gown? No longer drest in silk en sheen, no
Oh Nancy

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2. Oh Nancy when thou'rt far awa,
   Wilt thou not cast a wish behind?
   Say, can'st thou face the flaky snaw
   Nor shrink before the warping wind?
   O can that soft and gentlest miss
   Severest hardships learn to bear?
   Nor, sad, regret each courtly scene
   Where thou wert fairest of the fair?

3. O Nancy, can'st thou love so true
   Thru perils keen wi’ me to gae,
   Or when thy swain mishap shall rue
   To share with him the pang of wae?
   And when invading pains befall,
   Wilt thou assume the nurses care,
   Nor, wishful, those gay scenes recall
   Where thou wert fairest of the fair?

4. And when, at last, thy love shall die
   Will thou receive his parting breath?
   Wilt thou repress each struggling sigh,
   And cheer with smiles the bed of death?
   And wilt thou, o’er his much lov’d clay,
   Strew flowers & drop the tender tear,
   Nor then regret those scenes so gay
   Where thou wert fairest of the fair?

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