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Me voila hors du naufrage
De cet amour insensé
Je veux devenir plus sage
Et me rire du passé.

*Fasse amour ce qu'il voudra,
Jamais ne me reprendra.*

La mer est calme et sereine
Quand nous commençons d'aimer
Pour d'une espérance vaine
Bientôt nous faire abîmer.

Comme une tapisserie
Peinte de toutes couleurs
La rive est toute fleurie
De mille et diverses fleurs.

Pas un des vents on n'oit bruire
À ce doux embarquement
Fors le gracieux Zéphyr
Qui nous souffle doucement

De tous costez la bonnace
Promect nous rendre contens
Le ciel point ne nous menace
De pluie ou de mauvais temps.

Mais quand nous avons fait voile
De ces flots pernicieux
Une tempête cruelle
S'offre bientôt à nos yeux.

L'auzel ques sul bouyssou,
Digos uno cansou
Alegro la mio vido :
E bai ten tout d'un vol
Veire la Margarido,
Li raconta mon dol.

E digos li d'abort,
Que yeu souy déjà mort
Despey quieu nou ley visto,
E qu'absent de son oel
Yeu ey larmo tant tristo
Quieu bouldrio' estre' al tombel.

I am here, escaped from the shipwreck
Of this senseless love
I want to become wiser
And to laugh about the past.

*Let love do as it will,
Never shall it take me back.*

The sea is calm and serene
When we begin to love
For a hope in vain
Soon to ruin us.

Like a tapestry
Painted in all colours
The shore is full of flowers
Of a thousand and diverse types.

None of the winds are heard rustling
At this pleasant boarding
Save the gracious zephyr
Which propels us gently

On all sides there is goodness
Which promises to make us content
The sky doesn't look threatening to us
Of rain or stormy weather.

But once we have set sail
On these pernicious waves
A cruel tempest
Comes suddenly before our eyes.

Bird sitting on the bush,
Sing a song
About my life:
Then fly away
go see Marguerite,
And tell her of my pain.

Tell her first
That I am near death
Since I saw her last,
And that absent from her gaze
I have such sad tears
That I want to be already in the grave.

Yo soy la locura
La que sola infundo placer
Placer y dulzura
Y contento el mundo

Sirven a mi nombre
Todos, mucho o poco
Y pero no hay hombre
Que piense ser loco.

El baxel esta en la playa
presto para navegar.
Ay, quien se quiere embarcar.

Acudan a la marina
Los que fueren del Amor,
Para quitarles su ardor,
Pues que la vela se tira
Al son desta mi bozina
Os quiero yo pregonar
Ay, ay, ay...

En pagar el homenaje
A los Dioses del Amor,
A quien quiere navegar
Si se le hara ultraje
Solo tenga buen corage
Quando sentirá gridar
Ay, ay, ay...

Di rigori armato il seno
contro amor mi ribellai
ma fui vinto in un baleno
in mirar due vaghi rai.
Ah! che resiste puoco
Cor di gelo a stral di fuoco

Ma si caro e'l mio tormento
Dolce è si la piaga mia,
Ch'il penare el mio contento,
E'l sanarmi è tirannia.
Ah! che più giova, e piace
Quanto amor è più vivace.

I am the madness
That instils pleasure
Pleasure and sweetness
And contentment into the world

All men serve my name,
Completely, a lot or a little,
And yet there is no man
Who thinks himself to be mad

The boat is on the beach
and is ready to sail.
Alas, who wants to set sail?

Go to the marina
Those who are driven by Love,
To take away your burning,
So what if the sail it torn
To the sound of my horn (buzina)
I want to proclaim
Ay ay ay...

In paying tribute
To the Gods of Love,
Who wants to navigate
If he will be outraged
Just have good courage
When you feel like screaming
Ay ay ay...

With severity my breast was armed
and I rebelled against love
in a flash of lightning I was conquered
on seeing two lovely eyes.
Ah, how feebly
an icy heart resists such fiery arrows.

But so dear is my torment
So sweet is my pain,
That pain is my contentment,
And to heal me would be tyranny.
Ah, how much better, and pleasing
Tis when love is lively.

Sans murmurer

Laissez-moi soupirer,
La faveur est légère;
Sans y penser
vos beaux yeux m'ont charmé,
Sans y penser j'aimai,
Amour fit cette affaire;
Sans murmurer Laissez-le faire.

Je suis secret

Amoureux et discret,
Sans espoir je soupire,
Et si jamais vous preniez de l'amour
Si vous vouliez un jour,
Partager mon martyre;
Je suis secret
Amoureux et discret.

Sans frayeur dans ce bois,

seule je suis venue.
J'y vois Tircis sans être émue.
Ah! N'ai-je rien à ménager?
Qu'un jeune coeur insensible
est à plaindre!
Je ne cherche point le danger,
mais du moins, je voudrais le craindre.

Pourquoi, doux rossignol,

dans ce sombre séjour
M'éveillez-vous avant l'Aurore?

Venez-vous à mon coeur annoncer le retour
Du charmant objet que j'adore ?

Mais si Climaine,
a mon amour trop insensible encore,
Abandonne mon coeur
au feu qui le dévore ;

Pourquoi, doux rossignol,
dans ce sombre séjour
M'éveillez-vous avant l'Aurore?

Without a murmur

Let me sigh,
Favour is light;
Without a thought
Your beautiful eyes charmed me,
Without a thought I loved,
Love made this liaison;
Without a murmur, Let it happen.

I am secret,

Amorous and discreet,
Without any hope I sigh,
And if ever you taste of love,
If you wanted one day,
Share my torment;
I am secretive,
Amorous and discreet.

Without fear to these woods,

Alone I came.
There I saw Tircis without being moved.
Ah! Have I nothing I can do?
How a young unfeeling heart
is to be pitied!
I do not seek out danger,
but at least I would like to fear it.

Why, sweet nightingale

in your gloomy sojourn
do you awaken me before the dawn?

Are you come to tell my heart of the return
Of the one that I love?

But, if Climaine
to my love so insensitive remains,
Give up my heart
to the fire which consumes it

Why, sweet nightingale
in your gloomy sojourn
do you awaken me before the dawn?