If I freely may discover (Setting 2, Version b)

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HENRY LAWES (1596-1662)

If she should be allow'd her passions,
What would please me but

in a lover,
I would have her fair and witty,

Sav'ring more of court than city;
A little proud,

but full of pity;
Light and humorous in her toying,

Then only constant when I crave her;
Thus, nor
sweet, in her delights would cloy me; Neither too easy vish.

nor too hard: But still extremes I would have barr'd.
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If I freely may discover
What would please me

She should be allow’d

in a lover, I would have her

us’d as fash’ions:

us’d as fash’ions: Some-times forward, and then frown-ing,

Court than city;

A little proud,

and then swown-ing;

Ev’ry fit with change stillrown-ing.

in her toy-ing,

Oft building hopes, but soon destroying,

Long, but

I would have her,

Then only constant when I crave her;

Thus, nor

sweet,

in her en-joy-ing;

Neither too easy

her delicates would cloy me

Neither her peevish -

nor too hard:

ness an-noy me.

[But still ex-tremes I would have barr’d]
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