

IDIOTS, LUNATICS, PAUPERS AND WOMEN!

Oh! say to whom of all the earth,
To day of death from day of birth,
You turn for love that true, man!
To whom look you for tender care?
Who's ever quick your woes to share?
But some fond, loving woman?

In childhood's happy hours you prize
A glance from mother's loving eyes,
Far more than from another,
And older grown, you'll seldom find
A better friend than sister kind,
That fondly loves her brother

Who minds your house, who mends your
clothes?
Who makes your life bloom as a rose?
And keeps you fairly busy?
And who with careful thought e'er hides
Your petty faults, from all besides,
But some true patient woman?

And you, Creation's lords, so grand,
On lofty height, self-placed, you stand
And take all as your due, man!
And never think that ere long's due
To one that's proved companion, true,—
This constant, helpful woman

She's not your equal, so you say,
Down on your knees proud man, and pray
Forgiveness from each woman
If not your equal who's to blame?
Who makes the laws that are a shame,
And that you yet shall rue man?

Go hide your face, in secret blush,
Nor e'er again soft nonsense gush
Of reverence felt for woman.
Just let me show you where you've placed
The mother, sister, wife, who've graced
Your life and made it true, man

She must not vote, the cares of state
On her fair brow must bear no weight,
She could not understand them!
And so—with idiots, paupers, cranks,
Proud man, you claim that woman ranks!
In such low state you band them

Oh man! there comes a day of fate
When you shall find I fear, too late,
That poor, down-trodden woman
Has burst the bonds that hold her fast,
That triumph comes to her at last,
And as she's only human

From giddy height who'll pull you down,
Nor let you longer wear the crown,
She'll serve you to your due, man,
And you in turn will find your rank
With idiots pauper, silly crank,
Far, far below good woman!

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