



**Before Me,
Careless Lying**

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(1849-1919)**

Charles Harford Lloyd (1849-1919) was born in Gloucestershire and studied at Magdalen Hall, Oxford. While there, he, along with his friend Hubert Parry, founded the Oxford Musical Club. He was the club's first president. He was appointed organist at Gloucester in 1876 and at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, in 1882. In 1892, he became a music teacher at Eton College. Upon his retirement in 1914, he was appointed organist at the Chapel Royal. His choral compositions are mostly anthems and part-songs but he did write a number of cantatas, odes, and instrumental works.

Before me, careless lying,
Young Love his wares comes crying;
Full soon the elf untreasures
His pack of pains and pleasures—
 With roguish eye,
 He bids me buy,
From out his pack of treasures.

His wallet's stuffed with blisses,
With true-love-knots and kisses,
With rings and rosy fetters,
And sugared vows and letters—
 He holds them out
 With boyish flout,
And bids me try the fetters.

Nay, Child, (I cry,) I know them;
There's little need to show them!
Too well for new believing
I know their past deceiving—
 I am too old
 (I say,) and cold,
Today, for new believing!

But still the wanton presses,
With honey-sweet caresses,
And still, to my undoing,
He wins me, with his wooing,
 To buy his wares
 With all their cares,
Their sorrow and undoing!

Henry Austin Dobson (1840-1921)

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C. H. Lloyd

Con moto ♩ = 72

S 1 *mf* Be - fore me, care - less ly - ing,

S 2 *mf* Be - fore me, care - less ly - ing,

A *mf* Be - fore me, care - less

T *p* Be - fore me, care - less

B *p* Be - fore me, care - less

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S 1 Young Love his wares comes cry - ing; Full

S 2 Young Love his wares comes cry - ing; Full

A *p* ly - ing, Young Love his wares comes cry - ing; Full

T *p* ly - ing, Young Love his wares comes cry - ing; Full

B *p* ly - ing, Young Love his wares comes cry - ing;

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S 1 soon the elf un - trea - sures His pack of pains and

S 2 soon the elf un - trea - sures His pack of pains and

A soon, full soon the elf un - trea - sures His

T soon the elf un - trea - sures His pack, *mf* his

B *p* Full soon the elf un - trea - sures His

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S 1 plea - sures— With ro - guish eye, He

S 2 plea - sures— With ro - guish eye, He bids me,

A plea - sures— With ro - guish eye, He

T pack of pains and plea - - - sures— With

B plea - sures— With ro - guish eye, With ro - - - guish

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S 1 bids me buy, With ro - guish eye,

S 2 bids me buy, With ro - guish

A bids me buy, With ro - guish

T ro - guish eye, He bids me buy, He

B eye, He bids me, bids me

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S 1 He bids me buy From out his pack of

S 2 eye, He bids me buy From out his pack of

A eye, He bids me buy From out his pack of

T bids me buy From out his pack of

B buy, he bids me buy From out his pack of

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S 1
 trea - sures. His wal - let's stuffed _____ with

S 2
 trea - sures.

A
 trea - sures. His wal - let, his wal - let's stuffed _____ with

T
 trea - sures. with

B
 trea - sures. His wal - let, his wal - let's stuffed with

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S 1
 bliss - es, With true - love - knots and _____

S 2
 With true - love - knots and _____ kiss - - -

A
 bliss - es, With true - love - knots _____ and _____

T
 bliss - es, With true - love - knots _____ and _____

B
 bliss - es, With true - love - knots _____ and _____

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S 1 kiss - es, With rings and ro - sy

S 2 - es, With rings and ro - sy

A kiss - es, With rings and ro - sy

T kiss - es, With rings and ro - sy, ro - sy

B kiss - es, With rings and

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S 1 fet - ters, And su - gared vows and

S 2 fet - ters, And su - gared vows and

A fet - ters, And su - gared vows and

T fet - ters, And su - gared, su - gared vows and

B ro - - - sy fet - ters, And su - gared vows and

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S 1 *f* let - ters— He holds them out With—

S 2 *f* let - ters— He holds them out _____ With

A *f* let - ters— He holds— them— out— With boy - ish,

T *f* let - ters— He holds— them— out— With boy - ish,

B *f* let - ters— He holds them— out— With boy - ish,

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S 1 boy - ish flout, And— bids— me— try the

S 2 boy - ish flout, And bids me try the

A boy - ish flout, And bids me try the

T boy - ish flout, And bids me try the

B boy - ish flout, And bids me try the

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S 1
fet - ters. Nay, Child, (I cry,) I know them;

S 2
fet - ters. Nay, Child, nay, Child, (I cry,) I know them;

A
fet - ters. Nay, Child, nay, Child, (I cry,) I know them;

T
8
fet - ters. Nay, Child, (I cry,) I know them;

B
fet - ters. Nay, Child, (I cry,) I know them;

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S 1
There's lit - tle need to show them!

S 2
There's lit - tle need to show them!

A
There's lit - tle need to show them! Too

T
8
There's lit - tle need to show them!

B
There's lit - tle need to show them! Too

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S 1

S 2 *p* Too well _____ for new _____ be - liev - ing, *mf* I

A well, ___ too ___ well _____ for new _____ be - liev - ing,

T *p* Too well _____ *mf* I

B well, ___ too ___ well _____ for new be - liev - ing,

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S 1 *mf* I know _____ their past de - ceiv - ing—

S 2 know, ___ I ___ know _____ their past de - ceiv - ing—

A *mf* I know _____ their past de - ceiv - ing—

T know, ___ I ___ know _____ their past de - ceiv - ing— *f* I

B *mf* I know _____ their past de - ceiv - ing—

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S 1 *f* I am too old (I say,) and

S 2 *f* I am too old (I say,) and

A *f* I am too old (I say,) and

T *f* am too old (I say,) and cold, To -

B *f* I am too old, and

67

S 1 cold, To - day, for new be - liev - ing!

S 2 cold, To - day, for new be - liev - ing!

A cold, To - day, for new be - liev - ing!

T day, for new be - liev - ing!

B cold, To - day, for new be - liev - ing!

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S 1 *mf* But still the wan - ton press - es,

S 2 *mf* But still the wan - ton press - es,

A *mf* But still *p* the wan - ton

T *p* But still the wan - ton

B *p* But still the wan - ton

75

S 1 *f* With hon - - ey sweet ca -

S 2 *f* With hon - - ey sweet ca -

A *f* press - es, With hon - - ey sweet ca -

T *f* press - es, With hon - - ey sweet ca -

B *f* press - es, With hon - - ey sweet ca -

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S 1
ress - es, And still, to my un - do - ing, He

S 2
ress - es, And still, to my un - do - ing, He

A
ress - es, And still, to my un - do - ing, He

T
ress - es, And still He

B
ress - es, And still, to my un - do - ing, He

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S 1
wins me, with his woo - ing, To buy _____ his wares With

S 2
wins me, with his woo - ing, To buy his wares With _____

A
wins me, with his woo - ing, To buy his wares With _____

T
wins _____ me, _____ To buy his wares _____ With

B
wins me, with his woo - ing, To buy his wares With _____

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S 1 all their cares, _____ Their sor - row and un -

S 2 all their cares, _____ Their sor - row and un -

A all _____ their cares, _____ Their sor - row and un -

T all _____ their cares, _____ Their sor - row and un -

B all their cares, _____ Their sor - row and un -

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S 1 do - ing, _____ Their sor - - - row

S 2 do - ing, _____ Their sor - - - row

A do - ing, _____ Their sor - - - row

T do - ing, Their sor - row, their sor - - - row

B do - ing, Their sor - row, their sor - - - row

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S 1 *poco rit.* *pp*
and un - do - ing, Their

S 2 *poco rit.* *p* *pp*
and un - do - ing, Their sor - row, their

A *poco rit.* *p* *pp*
and un - do - ing, Their sor - row, their

T *poco rit.*
and un - do - ing,

B *poco rit.* *pp*
and un - do - ing, Their

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S 1 *>*
sor - row and un - do - - - - ing!

S 2 *>*
sor - row and un - do - - - - ing!

A *>*
sor - row and un - do - - - - ing!

T *pp*
and un - do - - - - ing!

B *>*
sor - row and un - do - - - - ing!

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