If You Can't Be Good, Be Careful

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Music by ROBERT HOOD BOWERS

Allegretto non troppo

Little girl, take a tip from a man who knows, and be
Little girl, you must watch every thing you do; just re-

careful what you do. Every flower that grows; every
member the moth and flame. If you flirt with a man, and be

breeze that blows, whispers softly of love to you. You are
kisses you, you have only yourself to blame. With a

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very alluring, and tempt us so, that a

glance of the eye or a coaxing smile you may

follow may steal a kiss. So whatever you do and where-
furnish the needed sign. So when ever you're tempted just

ev-er you go you'll do well to re-mem-ber this: If you
pause a while and con-sid-er these words of mine. If you

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can't be good, be care-ful; If you can't be-have, be

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There is danger in a stranger who sees mischief in your eye; men are very dreadful creatures, and you'll find them everywhere. So when they start to woo, to win, little girl, little girl, take care! If you care, if you care. If you can't, etc.