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John Dowland
(1563-1626)

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Holes in his ruby doublet,
A knight passes by the dark,
His hair full of sunshine
Under a helmet the color of the moon,
Sleep always, sleep in the wood,
The ring, Beauty, on your finger.

In the dust of battles,
He has killed loyally and justly,
Striking with cut and with point,
as a king would strike.
Sleep in the wood, where the verbena flowers with the marjoram.

And over the mountains and over the plains,
mounted on his large charger,
He races, he races breathlessly,
Completely straight in his stirrups,
Sleep, Sleeping Beauty, dream
that you will wed a prince.

In the forest of white lilacs
Under the golden spur which agitates him
his charger beads with blood
The white lilacs, and on he goes, still more quickly
Sleep in the wood, sleep on, o Beauty
behind your curtains of lace.

But he has taken the ruby ring,
The knight, who, by dark
has hair full of sunshine,
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Sleep no more, Sleeping Beauty,
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Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

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F. Paolo Tosti
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“Vainement, ma bien-aimée,” Le roi d’Ys

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Sogno
I dreamt that you were on your knees
Like a saint praying to the Lord.
You were looking deep into my eyes.
With a glowing look of love.
You were speaking quietly.
Asking me sweetly for forgiveness.
That she be allowed just one glance,
You begged, curled at my feet.
I stayed silent and, with a strong will,
Fought the irresistible desire.
I had faced martyrdom and death;
Still, I forced myself to say no.
But then your lips touched my face,
And my heart betrayed me.
I closed my eyes, reached out to you;
But I had been dreaming, and that beautiful dream vanished.

The waves dream on the shore,
and the wind blows through the branches;
and my kisses don’t result in a nest being offered,
by my blonde lady.
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The moonlight is pure,
wings of silence stretch out,
and behind the veils of the dark alcove
the lamp burns.
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Ideale
I followed you like a rainbow of peace
along the paths of heaven;
I followed you like a friendly torch
in the veil of darkness,
and I sensed you in the light, in the air,
in the perfume of flowers,
and the solitary room was full
of you and of your radiance.

Absorbed by you, I dreamed a long time
of the sound of your voice,
and earth’s every anxiety, every torment
I forgot in that dream.

Come back, dear ideal, for an instant
to smile at me again,
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a new dawn.

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