

A Villanelle Full Poem

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Oscar Wilde (1854 -1900)

O singer of Persephone! In the dim meadows desolate Dost thou remember Sicily?
Still through the ivy flits the bee Where Amaryllis lies in state; O Singer of Persephone!
Simaetha calls on Hecate And hears the wild dogs at the gate; Dost thou remember Sicily?
Still by the light and laughing sea Poor Polypheme bemoans his fate; O Singer of Persephone!
And still in boyish rivalry Young Daphnis challenges his mate; Dost thou remember Sicily?
Slim Lacon keeps a goat for thee, For thee the jocund shepherds wait; O Singer of Persephone!
Dost thou remember Sicily?

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