

An Ape, a Lion, a Fox, and an Ass

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[1.] An Ape, a Li - on, a Fox, and an Ass, do
A Dove, a Spar - row, a Par - rot, a Crow, as

[2.] for A - pish_ we_ are till Twen - ty and one, and
[for] Harm - less_ they_ are till Thir - teen be gone, then

[3.] then wit - ty as Fox - es till Three - score and Ten, but
then Prat - ing as Par - rots till Three - score be o'er, then

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shew forth_ Man's_ Life as it were in a Glass:
plain - ly_ sets_ forth how you Wo - men may know:

af - ter_ that,_ Li - ons_ till For - ty be gone;
Wan - ton_ as_ Spar - rows_ till For - ty draw on;

af - ter of that ill As - ses, and so no more_ Men.
Birds of ill O - men, and Wo - men no_ more.