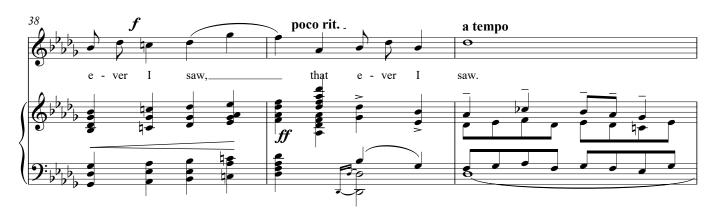
As ever I saw

Anonymous, from Harley MS 7578, folio 85, in the British Library









Original version in Early Modern English

My lady is a prety on, a prety, prety, prety on My lady is a prety on, as ever I saw.

She is gentyll and also wysse Of all other she berith the price

that ever I saw.

To here hir syng, to se her dance she wyll the best herself advance

that ever I saw.

To se her fyngers that be so small, In my consait she passeth all

that euer I saw.

Nature in her hath wonderly wroght, Crist never sych a nother bowght

that ever I saw.

I have sene many that have bowty. Yet is ther non like to my lady,

that euer I saw.

therefor I dare this boldly say, I shall have the best and farest may.*

that ever I saw.

My lady is a prety on, etc.

* "may" = "mate"