

Diamonds from Top to Toe

Master Blazius

LET THOSE WHO WISH TO LEARN SOME NEWS
FIRST BRING ME A GLASS OF WINE
ANTOINE TURNED TWENTY-ONE TODAY
A BETTER MAN YOU'LL NEVER FIND!

Some peasant children have gathered around him; one brings him a glass of wine, which he gratefully accepts and guzzles.

MY STUDENT'S FULL OF FLOWERY PHRASES
TRAVELED TO SO MANY PLACES
HALF THE TIME YOU DON'T KNOW
HOW TO ANSWER HIM!

Lights come up on the opposite side of the stage. Dame Pluche, the stern and pious governess, rests on a tree stump, fanning herself frantically and talking to a pair of peasant children. One of them brings her a glass of water, spilling it as she goes.

Dame Pluche

BRING ME A GLASS OF WATER, RABBLE...
WHY ARE YOU SO SLOW?
KNOW YOUR MASTER'S NIECE TODAY
ARRIVES AT THE CHATEAU

SHE'S COMPLETED HER EDUCATION
IT'S A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION
NEVER HAVE YOU SEEN SUCH PURITY!

Master Blazius & Dame Pluche

HE'S / SHE'S A DIAMOND
FROM TOP TO TOE
THAT IS WHAT I LONG TO SHOW
IT'S TO OUR CREDIT
WE'RE THEIR GUARDIANS

Instrumental interlude underscores the following dialogue:

Master Blazius

Upon my word, the glass is empty! I did not think I'd drunk it all. You there! It is very hot. I should not mind having another drop before continuing my journey.

Dame Pluche

You! Scum! You have brought me water that tastes of the kitchen! You are nothing but a pack of ill-mannered boobies!

(Lights come up on Antoine, the handsome son of the Baron, and Camille, a picture of beauty and grace. Master Blazius and Dame Pluche fawn over their respective proteges).

Dame Pluche

HER PIETY AND GOODNESS
WOULD PUT A MONK TO SHAME

Master Blazius

HE CAN'T SEE A BLADE OF GRASS
WITHOUT GIVING YOU THE LATIN NAME!

Dame Pluche

HER BEAUTY MAKES THE ANGELS SIGH

Master Blazius

IF IT RAINS, HE'LL TELL YOU WHY

Antoine and Camille

IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHO HAS IT BETTER
YOU....OR I!

WE ARE DIAMONDS
FROM TOP TO TOE
THEY WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW
IT'S TO THEIR CREDIT
WE'RE THEIR PROTEGES!

Antoine

WE'D LIKE TO THINK THAT WE DON'T NEED
OUR GUARDIANS TO SUCCEED

Antoine and Camille

WE BOTH HAVE QUITE SHREWD AND CUNNING WAYS

Camille

WE LONG TO BE
LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

Antoine and Camille

WE KNOW WE CAN MAKE IT ON OUR OWN.....CUZ....

Blazius & Pluche & Antoine & Camille

THEY (WE) ARE DIAMONDS FROM TOP TO TOE
THEY (WE) WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW
IT'S TO THEIR (OUR) CREDIT
WE'RE THEIR (THEY'RE OUR) GUARDIANS