

**What Is A Youth**  
**Nino Rota**

[Verses]

**F#m**

What is a youth?

**G**

Impetuous fire.

**F#m**

What is a maid?

**Em**

Ice and desire.

**Bm**

The world wags on

**F#m**

A rose will bloom,

**G**

it then will fade

**Em**

**F#m**

So does the youth.

**Bm**

**F#m**

**Bm**

So does the fairest maid.

**Bm**

**G**

Comes a time when one sweet smile

**F#m**

**Em**

Has its season for awhile

**G**

**F#m**

Then love's in love with me

**D**

**G**

**D**

Some may think only to mar-ry.

**Em**

**G**

**D**

**A**

Others will tease and tar-ry.

**D**

**G**

**D**

Mine is the very best par-ry,

**Em**

**G**

**F#7**

Cupid he rules us all.

**Bm**

**F#7**

**Bm**

**F#7**

Caper the caper; sing me the song

**D**

**A**

**D**

**A**

Death will come soon to hush us along

**Bm**

**F#7**

**Bm**

**A**

Sweeter than honey and bitter as gall,

**D**

**A**

**Bm**

**F#7**

Love is a pastime that never will pall.

**Bm**

**F#7**

**Bm**

**A**

Sweeter than honey and bitter as gall,

**D**            **F#7**            **Bm**  
Cupid he rules us all.

**F#m**  
A rose will bloom,

**G**  
it then will fade

**Em**            **F#m**  
So does the youth.

**Bm**            **F#m**            **Bm**  
So does the fairest maid.