What Is A Youth? Music by Nino Rota and lyrics by Eugene Walter (1968)

In 3/4

       F#m   *Gma7*
What is a youth? Impetuous fire.
       D   *Em*   *Bm*
What is a maid? Ice and desire. The world wags on

       F#m   *Gma7*
A rose will bloom, it then will fade
  Em   *F#m*   *Bm(3)*   *F#m(1)* *Bm*
So does the youth So does the fairest maid.

In 3/4

Bm   *G*   *F#m*   *Em*
Comes a time when one sweet smile has its season for awhile
Em   *F#m*
Then love's in love with me

In 6/8

D   *D*   *G* *D* *Em*   *G*   *D* *A*
Some they think only to mar..ry. Others will tease and tar ry.
D   *D*   *G* *D* *Em*   *G*   *F#7* *F#7*
Mine is the very best par ry,   Cupid he rules us all.

Bm   *F#7* *Bm*   *F#7* *D*   *A*   *D*   *A*
Caper the caper; sing me the song, death will come soon to hush us along.
Bm   *F#7*   *Bm* *A* *D* *A*   *Bm* *F#7*
Sweeter than honey and bitter as gall, love is a task and it never will pall.
Bm   *F#7*   *Bm* *A* *D(2)*   *F#7(1)* *Bm* *Bm*
Sweeter than honey and bitter as gall, Cupid he rules us   all.

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