Miniver Cheevy
A Satire in the Form of Variations
Low Voice

Duration: 2 min. 20 sec.

Poem by
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Music by
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Theme (d=4o)

Piano

Var. I. Melancholy

Miniver Cheevy, child of scorn, grew lean while he assailed the seasons;

He wept that he was ever born, and he had reasons.
VAR. II Sprightly (d 1104)

Min-i-ver loved the days of old

When swords were bright and steeds were prancing,

The vi-sion of a war-rior bold

Would set him danc-ing.
Var. III Dreamy (D 889)

Min-i-ver sighed for what was not, And dreamed, and rested from his labors;

He dreamed of Thebes and Cam-e-lot, And Pri-am's neighbors.

Var. IV Dolorous (D 114)

Min-i-ver mourned the ripe re-nown That made so many a name so fragrant;

He mourned Ro-mance, now on the town, And Art, a vagrant.

pp dim. e molto rit. pp ppp atem. f pp
Var. V Grandioso (rev)

Miniver loved the Medici,

Albeit he had never seen one;

He would have sinned incessantly,

Could he have been one.
VAR. VI Indignant (J.444)

Min-i-ver cursed — the com-mon-place, And eyed — a khaki suit with bath-ing;

He missed the med-i-s- val grace Of i-ron clothing.

VAR. VII Puzzled (J.387)

Min-i-ver scorned the gold he sought, But sore an-noyed was he without it;

Min-i-ver thought, and thought, and thought, And thought a-bout it.
VAR. VIII Tipsy \( \ddot{\text{i}} \text{72,} \)

Mini-\text{ver Chee-\text{vy}}, born too late,
Scratched his head and kept on think-ing;

\text{semper dim.}

Mini-\text{ver coughed,} and called it fate,
And kept on drink-ing.

VAR. IX Epilogue \text{portamento}

Ah-
Ah-

\text{semper dim.}

\text{portamento}

Uh-
Uh-

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