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Allegretto.

1. There were three young maids of
2. There are three old maids at

f Marcato. *legg.*

Lee, They were fair as fair can be, And they had lov-ers three times three, For
Lee, They are old as old can be, And one is deaf and one cannot see, And they

rall. e largamente.

they were fair as fair can be, These three young maids of Lee. But
all are cross as a gal-lows tree, These three old maids of Lee. Now if

rall. colla parte. *f*

a little slower.

these young maids they cannot find A lover each to suit her mind; The
any one chances, 'tis a chance remote, One sin - gle charm in these maids to note, He need

a little slower.

cres.

plain spoke lad is far too rough, The rich young lord is not rich enough, And
not a poet nor handsome be, For one is deaf, and one cannot see; He

cres.

Tempo primo.

one is too poor, and one too tall, And one just an inch too short for them all.
need not woo on his bend-ed knee, For they all are willing as willing can be, He may

leggiero ma marcato.

rall.

"Others pick and choose, and why not we? We can very well wait," said the maids of Lee! There were
take the one or the two or the three, If he'll on - ly take them a - way from Lee! There are

rall.

a tempo.

three young maids of Lee, They were fair as fair can be, And they had lov-ers
three old maids at Lee, They are cross as cross can be, And there they are, and

ma marc.

rit. largamente.

three times three, For they were fair as fair can be, These three young maids of Lee.
there they'll be, To the end of the chapter, one, two, three, These three old maids of Lee.

f rit. largamente.

ff D.C. fff

1st. 2d.