



## Endearing Young Charms

Air

Traditional

### Those Endearing Young Charms

**B**elieve Me, if All Those Endearing Young Charms" is a popular song written in 1808 by Irish poet Thomas Moore using a traditional Irish air. The tune to which Moore set his words is a traditional Irish air, first printed in a London songbook in 1775. It is thought that after Moore's wife, Elizabeth, was badly scarred by smallpox, she refused to leave her room, believing herself ugly and unlovable. To convince her his love was unwavering, Moore composed the 'Endearing' poem which he set to an old Irish melody and sang outside her bedroom door. He later wrote that this restored her confidence and re-kindled their love.

