When the World Was Young

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They call me coquette, and mademoiselle And I must admit I like it quite well It's something to be the darling of all Le grande femme fatale the belle of the ball; There's nothing as gay as life in Paris There's no other person, I'd rather be I love what I do, I love what I see But where is the schoolgirl that used to be me

Ah, the apple trees Where at garden teas Jack-o-lanterns swung: Fashions of the day Vests of applique Dresses of shantung Only yesterday When the world was young

While sitting around we often recall The laugh of the year the night of them all The blonds who was so attractive that year Some opening night that made us all cheer; Remember that time we all got so tight And jacques and antoine got into a fight The gendarmes who came, passed out like a light I laugh with the rest it's all very bright

Ah, the apple trees Sunlight memories Where the hammock swung On our backs we'd lie; Looking at the shy 'til the stars were strung Only last July When the world was young

You'll see me in Cape d'Antibes, or in Spain I follow the sun by boat or by plane It's any old millionaire in a storm For I've got my mink to keep my heart warm: And sometimes I drink too much with the crowd And, sometimes I talk a little too loud My head may be aching, but it's unbowed And sometimes I see it all through a cloud

Ah, the apple trees And the hive of bees Where we once got stung Summers at Bordeau Rowing at Bateau Where the willow hung Just a dream ago When the world was young