



The Kitchen Maid

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Light that streams through an open window
Falls elegantly on her face
Shadows that stretch from
nothing Gives the scene its unique grace
Concentration on her face, it seems
As she stands and
pours the milk
Light glistens from the liquid
Gives the appearance of pure silk
The bread upon the
table Crusty and broken apart
The texture perfect and simple
But definitely not, à la carte
Her clothes
so plain and snug
With colours so basic and bright
Stitching in seams that need mending
Highlights
her humble plight
The walls are plain and placid
As the light fills the room
Through broken panes in
window frames
But it's not a world of gloom
The lighting is so subtle
The shadows crisp and clear
With exquisite attention to detail
It's no wonder it brings a tear