

A Sherlockian Toast (posted 2023-6-18)

A toast to Baron Gruner  
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I've no good things to say  
About Adelbert Gruner  
When this man met a woman  
He'd set out to ruin 'er  
I wouldn't be a slanderer  
To call him a philanderer –  
Sherlock Holmes didn't like him at all

So pity the father  
Of Violet de Merville  
He is used to controlling,  
Being senior, not servile,  
He's no longer the master  
And his girl risks disaster  
If Holmes can't save her from a fall

Enter now Kitty Winter  
Who is full of resentment  
For she is the Winter  
Of our discontentment  
First Gruner seduced her  
And then he refused her –  
Soon again on the Baron she'll call

The revenge of Miss Winter  
Is more than symbolic  
She disfigures the villain  
With oil vitriolic  
He cries out for water,  
Then loses the daughter  
After beating his head on the wall

A harsh sentence faced Kitty,  
She was taking her chances  
But the judge found some miti-  
Gating circumstances  
This case didn't begin well  
But with Sherlock and Shinwell,  
It all turned out all right after all

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