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But who is *that* and who is *this*
 pushing in through the door
 with indecent haste,
 all hatstand straight,
 all whalebone stiff,
 all starched and stuffy and proper
 and prim,
 buttoned up,
 straight laced?
 It looks like fun has galloped away.
 It feels as if love was yesterday.

KITCHEN SET Frieze: 'Trailing Geranium TRG001', £470, Soane Britain. Wall: pink/straw 'Mimi', £280, Simon Playle. Curtains: fig 'Barfi BARFI-14-N2', by Namay Samay, £320, Tissus d'Hélène. Sconce shades: 'Highball 816-29', by Perennials x Ken Fulk, £173, Perennials and Sutherland Studio. Chair cover: duck egg 'Mottisfont Check', £148, Claremont. Tablecloth: summer 'Four Seasons Thimble', £168, Howe at 36 Bourne Street. Rug: loden 'Odyssey', by McLaurin & Piercy, £270, George Spencer Designs; trimmed with 'Roma Tape 60095-859', by Rose Evans, £104.90, Zimmer & Rohde. Floor: 'Tresco FO282-05', £316, Watts 1874. Skirting boards and door: 'Porphyry Pink' and 'Bancha', £81 for 2.5 litres, from Farrow & Ball.

INTRODUCING STEPMOTHER AND STEPSISTER Stepsister bodice: 'Arcana 283895-010', by Sander Lak, £253, Maharam; beaded with 'Ajoutée Tiered Glass Fringe 979-38472-015', £96, Samuel & Sons. Skirt: 'Northanger FO213-01', £380, Watts 1874. Underskirt: 'Silvia's Cloth HBF2033-03', by Helene Blanche, £222, Tissus d'Hélène. Stepmother top: 'Disco SVF-DISC-RED', £220, Vanrenen Hanbury. Shawl: 'Harbury F4987-05', £123, Colefax & Fowler. Skirt: burgundy 'Polished Linen', by Ralph Lauren Home, £122, Designers Guild; trimmed with 'Falbala Braid 3263-9900', £27, Houllès. For fabric details of Aschenputtel and father's costumes see page 166



Don't loaf about, / bring the washing in, / take the rubbish out.
Peel, chop, polish and scrub, / graft, toil, skivvy and slog, / more elbow grease,
less dreaming and grieving under that tree.

GET TO WORK, ASCHENPUTTEL! Aschenputtel's dress: 'Nandalal NAND-01-C', by Namay Samay, £240, Tissus d'Hélène. Sleeves: 'Garden Stripe FD863-T30-0', by Mulberry Home, £89, GP&J Baker. Mop: 'Gobi', £180, Christopher Farr Cloth. For fabric details of stepmother's costume and for kitchen set details see page 173



Then back to the dance / and the bright lights,
 what a trip, what a treat, / what a buzz, what a waltz,
 her hands in his, / but the hands of the clock go round as well
 and the face of the clock / says time to scoot,

DANCE Prince's jacket: hay 'Verster', £190, Franquemont. Waistcoat: 'La Vigne Positive LV-06', by Namay Samay, £270, Tissus d'Hélène. Shirt: old blue 'Daisy', £188, Inchyra. Bowtie: 'Adriana Satin SC 27375 0003', \$336, Scalamandré. Trousers: moutarde 'Tursac', by Nicole Fabre & Co, £261.60, Tissus d'Hélène; trimmed with 'Aurelia Beaded Fringe 979-56145-02', £84, Samuel & Sons. Aschenputtel's bodice: cornflower 'Mignonne', £408, Cinny. Bib: 'Martilla Rose Sheer SVF-MART-RSH', £190, Vanrenen Hanbury. Inner skirt: blue 'Mughal Poppy' linen, £297.60, Carlos Garcia. Middle skirt and details: 'Celino 7878-36', £128, Romo. Outer skirt: 'Beaumont Check SC 27371 0004', \$272, Scalamandré. For fabric details of the ballroom set see page 184



hide in the skirts of the leafy tree.
One rare bird on a bough / that in truth / is a foot,
one shoe on the ground / like fallen fruit.

GARDEN SEARCH For fabric details of Aschenputtel and prince's costumes see page 189. For garden set details see page 170



Lovestruck, smitten, / head over heels.

PRINCE COMES KNOCKING Prince's shirt: 'Pippin Check', £100, Ian Sanderson. Bowtie: 'Falbala Braid 3263-9820', £27, Houllès. Waistcoat: 'Simla Silk 31463-04', £63, James Hare. Trousers: 'Taia 8107-08', £63, Romo. For fabric details of stepmother's costume and kitchen set details see page 173



and the gent who swept her / straight off her feet,

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