

Belladonna

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[Folk Music]

They say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

But what of that eye. What of its beauty?

The answer – so the apothecaries said – was the Nightshade berry. With just a single drop, those peddlers claimed to carve an uncut gaze into eyes that sparkled.

That scintillated.

That showed endless facets and flawless depths.

In time, they sold many beautiful ladies such a precious stare.

But drop-by-poisonous-drop, beauty crystallised till glittering eyes were left still.
Unblinking. Cold.

And so deadly Nightshade earned that other name: Bella Donna – the beautiful lady.