

Parlour Gossip

Poppy Roberts

She
Has had her hair cut short like a man's
She had such beautiful hair
Whatever could have possessed her?

She
Always wears starched white shirt
She can afford lots of blouses
Does she think it's some wild new fashion?

She
Can be seen wearing a grey silk vest
She always was hard to control
Who does she think will want to marry her?

She
Goes to the best tailors to purchase trousers
She has no sense of decency
Does anyone even greet her on the street anymore?

She
Sports a high collared coat to guard against our eyes
She goes by 'William' in other towns
Is anyone surprised?

You'd almost think
She wasn't a woman

