

# Now, O now I needs must part

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Now, O now I needs must part,  
Dear, when I am from thee gone,  
Dear, if I do not return,  
Parting though I absent.  
Gone are all my joys at Love, and I shall die to-

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mourn. Absence can no joy im- part: Joy once fled  
once. I lov'd thee and thee a- lone, In whose love  
gether. For my ab- sence nev- er mourn, Whom you might

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- can not re- turn. - While I live I needs must  
- I joy- ed once. And al- though your sight I  
- have joy- ed ever: Part we must though now I

love, Love lives not when Hope is gone. Now at last Des-  
leave, Sight where- in my joys do lie, Till that death do  
die, Die I do to part with you. Him Des- pair doth

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pair doth prove, Love di- vi- ded lov- eth none.  
sense be- reave, Ne- ver shall - af- fec- tion die.  
cause to lie, Who both liv'd - and di- eth true.

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Sad des- pair doth drive me hence; This des- pair

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un- kind- ness sends. If that part- ing be of-

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fence, It is she which then of- fends. -