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Love divided loveth none.
Sad despair doth drive me hence;
This despair unkindness sends.
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2
Dear, when I am from thee gone,
Gone are all my joys at once.
I loved thee and thee alone,
In whose love I joyed once.
And although your sight I leave,
Sight wherein my joys do lie,
Till that death do sense bereave
Never shall affection die.
Sad despair doth drive me hence;
This despair unkindness sends.
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3
Dear, if I do not return
Love and I shall die together;
For my absence never mourn,
Whom you might have joyed ever.
Part we must, though now I die,
Die I do to part with you.
Him Despair doth cause to lie,
Who both lived and dieth true.
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This despair unkindness sends.
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