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VOICE

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1  
 Now, O now, I needs must part,  
 Parting though I absent mourn.  
 Absence can no joy impart,  
 Joy once fled cannot return.  
 While I live I needs must love;  
 Love lives not when Hope is gone.  
 Now at last Despair doth prove  
 Love divided loveth none.

Sad despair doth drive me hence;  
 This despair unkindness sends.  
 If that parting be offence,  
 It is she that then offends.

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.

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 This despair unkindness sends.  
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 It is she that then offends.

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.

Sad despair doth drive me hence;  
 This despair unkindness sends.  
 If that parting be offence,  
 It is she that then offends.