

Now, O now I needs must part

John Dowland (1562 - 1622)

1. Now, O now I needs must part, Part - ing though I ab - sent mourn,
While I live, I needs must love; Love lives not when life is gone,
2. Dear, when I am from thee gone, Gone are all my joys at once.
And, al - though your sight I leave, sight where - in my joys do lie,
3. Dear, if I do not re - turn, Love and I shall die to - gether.
Part we must, though now I die, Die I do to part with you;

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1. Ab - sence can no joy im - part, Joy once fled can - not re - turn.
Now at last des - pair doth prove, Love di - vi - ded lo - veth none.
2. I loved thee and thee a - lone, in whose love I joy - ed once.
'Till that Death doth sense be - reave, ne - ver shall af - fec - tion die.
3. For my ab - sence ne - ver mourn, whom you might have joy - ed ever.
Him des - pair doth cause to lie, who both liv'd and di - eth true.

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