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While I live I needs must love, Love lives not when hope is gone.
 And al-though your sight I leave, Sight where-in my joys do lie.
 Part we must though now I die, Die I do to part with you.

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



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