

Now, O Now, I Needs Must Part

John Dowland (1562-1638)

Now, O now, I needs must part,
While I live, I needs must love,
Dear when I from thee am gone,
And al - though your sight I leave,
Dear if I do not re - turn,
Part we must though now I die,

Part - ing though I ab - sent mourn.
Love lives not when hope is gone.
Gone are all my joys at once,
Sight where - in my joys do lie
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I loved thee and thee a - lone
Till that death do sense be - reave,
For my ab - sence ne - ver mourn
Him des - pair doth cause to lie,

Joy once fled can-not re - turn.
love di - vi - ded lov - eth none.
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If that part - ing be of - fence, It is she that then of - fends.

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