

VI. Now, O Now, I Needs Must Part.

(First Booke of Songes or Ayres)

John Dowland (1562-1638)

Sopran



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 Hope is gone.

Alt



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S




Ab-sence can no joy im-part: Joy once fled can-not re-turn.
Now at last De-spair doth prove, Love di-vi-ded love-th none.

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S
Sad de - spair doth drive me hence, This de-spair un-kind-ness sends.

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S
If that part - ing be off - ence, It is she which then off - ends.

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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.
If that parting be offence,
It is she which 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 liv'd and dieth true
Sad despair doth drive me hence,
This despair unkindness sends.
If that parting be offence,
It is she which then offends.