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POEM IN ENGLISH

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AE FOND KISS

Ae fond kiss, and then we sever;  
Ae fareweel, and then forever!  
Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee,  
Warring sighs and groans I'll wage thee.  
Who shall say that Fortune grieves him,  
While the star of hope she leaves him:  
Me, nae cheerfu' twinkle lights me;  
Dark despair around benights me.  
I'll ne'er blame my partial fancy:  
Naething could resist my Nancy:  
But to see her, was to love her;  
Love but her, and love for ever.  
Had we never lov'd sae kindly,  
Had we never lov'd sae blindly!  
Never met — or never parted,  
We had ne'er been broken-hearted.  
Fare-thee-weel, thou first and fairest!  
Fare-thee-weel, thou best and dearest!  
Thine be ilka joy and treasure,  
Peace, Enjoyment, Love and Pleasure!  
Ae fond kiss, and then we sever!  
Ae fareweel, Alas, for ever!  
Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee,  
Warring sighs and groans I'll wage thee.