

Fain Would I Wed

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Fain would I wed a fair young man, that day and night could please me,

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When my mind or body grieved that had the power to ease me. Maids are full of

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long ing thoughts that breed a blood- less sick- ness; and that, oft I

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hear men say, is on- ly cured by quick- ness. Oft I have been wooed and prayed but

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nev- er could be mov- ed. Ma- ny for a day or so I have most dear- ly lov- ed.

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But this fool- ish mind of min straight loathes the thing re- solv- ed. If to love be sin in me, that

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sin is soon ab- solv- ed. Sure, I think I shall at last fly to some ho- ly

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Or- der; When I once am set- tled there, then I can fly no far- ther.

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Yet I would not die a maid, be- cause I had a mo- ther; As I was by

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one brought forth, I would bring forth an- o- ther.