

Fain would I wed a fair young man

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Fain_ would I wed a_ fair young man, that_ day and night could_ please me:
When_ my mind or bo- dy grie - ved, that_ had the power to_ ease me.

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Maids_ are full_ of long- ing_ thoughts_ that breed_ a_ blood- less_ sick- ness:
And_ that oft_ I hear_ men_ say, is on- ly_ cur'd_ by_ quick- ness.

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Oft I have been woo'd and prayed, but ne - ver could_ be_ mo - ved:
Ma - ny for a day or so I have_ most dear- ly_ lov - ed;

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

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Sure_ I_ think I shall_ at_ last fly to_ some_ ho- ly_ or - der;
When_ I_ once am set- tled_ there, then can_ I_ 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 one_ brought_ forth, I would_ bring_ forth_ an- o - ther.

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