

Ae' Fond Kiss

Words by Robert Burns (1791)

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For Ashwin

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of five measures each. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand, consisting of chords. The lyrics are written below the melody.

Ae' fond kiss and then we se-ver, ae' fare-weel and then for ev-er, deep in heart-wrung
tears I'll pledge thee, war-ing signs and groans I'll wage... thee.

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.

Who shall say that fortune grieves him,
While the star of hope she leaves him,
Me, nae cheerful twinkle lights me,
Dark despair around benights me.

I'll ne'er blame my partial fancy,
Nothing can resist my Nancy,
For to see her was to love her,
Love but her, and love for ever.

Had we never loved sae kindly,
Had we never loved sae blindly,
Nor never met, nor never parted,
We would never have been so broken-hearted.

Fare thee weel, my first and fairest,
Fare thee weel, my best and dearest,
Thine be like joy and treasure...
Peace, enjoyment, love and pleasure.

Mmm, 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.