

## I live not where I love

O, come all ye maids who live at a distance  
many's a mile from off your sway.  
Come and assist me this very moment  
for to pass away some time.  
Singing sweetly and completely  
Songs of pleasure and of love.  
For me heart is with him altogether  
though I live not where I love.

When I sleep I dream about you  
when I wake I take no rest.  
Every moment thinking on you  
my heart o'er fixed in your breast.  
But although far distance  
may be of assistance  
if from my mind your love remove.  
For me heart is with him altogether  
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All the world shall be of one religion  
all living things shall cease to die.  
If ever I should prove false to my jewel  
or any way his love deny.  
Oh the world shall change  
and be most strange  
if from my mind your love remove.  
For me heart is with him altogether  
though I live not where I love

So farewell lad and farewell lassies  
now I think I've made my choice.  
I will away to yonder mountain  
where I think I hear his voice.  
And if he hollows I will follow  
around the world though it is so wide.  
For young Thomas he did promise  
I should be his lawful bride

Repeat first verse.

Traditional