

Now wolde y fayne

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1. Now would I fain some mirth to make, all on - ly for my la - dy's
2. Though I be far out of her sight, I am her man both day and
3. When she is mer - ry, then am I glad; when she is sor - ry, then am I
4. She says that she has seen it writ that sel - dom seen is soon for -
5. Where - fore I pray both night and day that she may cast all care a -
6. And I to her for to be true and ne - ver change her for no

sake, when her I see; but now I am so far from her, it
night, and so will be. Therefore would God as I love her that
sad, and this is why: for he lives not that does love her as
got. It is not so, for in good faith, save on - ly her, I
way and live in rest and e - ver a - ny - where she be to
new un - to my end, and that I may in her ser - vice vice e -

am so far from her it will not
God as I love her that she loved
not that does love her as well as
faith, save on - ly her I love no
a - ny - where she be to love me
may in her ser - vice e - ver a -

will not be.
she loved me!
well as I.
love no more.
love me best.
ver a - mend.

be.
me!
I.
more.
best.
mend.