

## **AE FOND KISS** (Scottish Trad./Burns)

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

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

Had we never loved so kindly  
Had we never loved so blindly  
Nor never met, nor never parted  
We had ne'er been broken-hearted

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