

**ERNEST DOWSON**

“Ad Domnulam Suam” [To His Dear Little Lady] (1890)

Little lady of my heart!  
    Just a little longer,  
Love me: we will pass and part,  
    Ere this love grow stronger.

I have loved the, Child! too well,  
    To do aught but love thee:  
Nay! my lips should never tell  
    Any tale, to grieve thee.

Little lady of my heart!  
    Just a little longer,  
I may love thee: we will part,  
    Ere my love grow stronger.

Soon they'll leave list fairy-land;  
    Darker grow thy tresses:  
Soon no more of hand in hand;  
    Soon no more caresses!

Little lady of my heart!  
    Just a little longer,  
Be a child: then, we will part,  
    Ere this love grow stronger.