

**ERNEST DOWSON**

**“April Love” (1893?)**

We have walked in and Love's land a little way,  
    We have learnt his lesson a little while,  
And shall we not part at the end of day,  
    With a sigh, a smile?

A little while in the shine of the sun,  
    We were twined together, joined lips, forgot  
How the shadows fall when the day is done,  
    And when Love is not.

We have made no vows—there will none be broke,  
    Our love was free as the wind on the hill,  
There was no word said we need wish unspoke,  
    We have wrought no ill.

So shall we not part at the end of day,  
    Who have loved and lingered a little while,  
Join lips for the last time, go our way,  
    With a sigh, a smile?