

# Ae Fond Kiss

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Award for Choral Composition

from  
**SCOTTISH CONTRASTS**  
Written upon the departure of  
Annes Nancy McLehose to Jamaica,  
ne'er to be seen again by Robbie

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Lyrics: Robbie Burns  
Source: Scottish Folksong

approx. 3'40"

*Con amore; not quickly molto rubato*  $\bullet = 40$  *tempo stricto*

1. Ae fond kiss and then we se-ver;

A - e Ae fond kiss... A - e

6 ae fare well and then for ev-er. Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee,

10 war - ing sighs and groans I'll wage thee. Ae fond kiss...

*slightly faster and regular*  $\bullet = 48$

13 Ae

2. Who shall say that For-tune grieves him, while the star of hope she leaves him?

17 *rallentando*

*mf* *mp* *port.*

Me, mae cheer - fu' twin - kle lights me, Dark des-pair a-round be - nights me. —

21 *rubato* *p* *much slower* *pp* *faster, tempo stricto* ♩ = 54 *f*

*p* *morendo* *mp* *f*

Ae fond kiss; Ae fond kiss... Ahh...  
3. I'll n'er blame my par - tial fan - cy;

25 *mp*

Ah...  
nae - thing could re - sist my Nan-cy! But to see her was to love her,

29 *more slowly* *mp* *even more slowly* *f* *rall.* *p*

Ah... Ae fond kiss; Ae fond kiss...  
Love but her, and love for-ev - er. Ae fond kiss; Ah... fond kiss...

*piu mosso - tempo stricto* ♩ = 48 *slightly slower*

33 *mf* *f*

4. Had we ne-ver loved sae kind-ly, Ne - ver met- or

Had we ne - ver loved sae blind-ly, Ne - ver met- or

*poco rallentando*

38 *mp* *mf*

ne - ver par - ted-, We had n'erbeen bro - ken heart - ed. Ah... Ae fond kiss...-

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