Now, O Now, I Needs Must Part

SATB (lute accompaniment optional)

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Now, O now, I needs must part, Parting though I absent mourn.
While I live, I needs must love, Love lives not when hope is gone.

NOTES: note values for vocal lines have been halved, note values for lute have been doubled.
original meter - "3". original key - no F-sharp. English modernized. Alto part, m. 7 after "fled" removed.

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2. Dear, when I from thee am gone,
Gone are all my joys at once.
I loved thee and thee alone,
In whose love I joy-ed once.
And although your sight I leave,
Sight wherein my joys do lie,
Till that death doth sense bereave,
Never shall affection die.
Sad despair doth drive ...

3. Dear, If I do not return,
Love and I shall die together.
For my absence never mourn,
Whom you might have joy-er ever:
Part we must though now I die,
Die I do to part with you.
Him despair doth sause to lie,
Who both lived and dieth true.
Sad despair doth drive ...