

NOW I LOVE YOU BEST

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William Shakespeare

Sonnet no. 115 / Many Have Asked How We Stay Together

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(sing in a pop or musical theater style)

mf

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Those lines_ that I_____ be - fore have writ do lie, E - ven those that

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said I_____ could not love you dear - er_____ Yet then my judge - ment

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_____ knew no_ rea - son why, My most full flame should af - ter - wards burn clear - er, _____

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But reck - on - ing time, whose mil - lioned ac - ci - dents Creep in_ 'twixt vows,

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_____ and change de - crees of kings, _____ Tan sac - red beau -

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ty blunt the sharp in - tents, Di - vert strong minds to the course of al - ter - ing things: _____

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A - las why fear - ing _____ of time's try - an - ny, Might I _____ not then

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_____ say _____ 'Now I love you best,' ('Now I

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love you best.' 'Now I love you best,')

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Might I not then say 'Now I love you best,' When I was cer - tain

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o'er in - cer-tain-ty, Crown-ing the pre-sent, doubt-ing of the rest?

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Love is a babe, then might I not

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say so To give full growth to that which still does grow.

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As if our love is an en-dur-ance test or would by


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time de - te - ri - o - rate to less and I've re - plied

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half in jest "fear of dat-ing." And though it's true, I


Soprano


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do guard my in - ter - est for hav - ing found in you what I ob - sess_____

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_ af - ter what seems years_____ of end - less_____ wait - ing...

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And_ would find my - self_ quite hard - pressed_ were I to


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lose this prize_____ I_ now poss - ess_____ ev - en with the


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rush of con - quest_____ now a - bat - ing... It is not

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so much fear, as fear - less - ness, and more that for each bat - tle_____ we con -

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test in this wit-less war_____ known as "re - lat - ing." We_____ learn to

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more read - i - ly ac - qui - esce e -

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lat - ing in each bat - tle scar car - essed_____