

I love great God above

16th century Scottish song
(tune in tenor)

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♩ = 144

I love great God a-bove, I'm not op - prest with love; But dai - ly may re-move,

I love great God, I'm not op - prest, But may re - move

When lik - eth me. Be she for my be-hove, I list for no re - prove:

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Ay, when I list to love, I may let be, And choose a - nother love that will love me.

2. I see Lovers anew,
That are both trust and true;
For love changes hide and hew
And blaikned be,
When she lists not to rew,
Why should I more pursue?
Ay, when I list to love, etc

3. Since wicked variance,
And false dissimulance,
And double inconstance
Beareth the gree:
Since faithful observance,
Can get no recompence:
Ay, when I list to love, etc

4. Since faith cannot be found,
Nor pity can abound,
Why should I run on ground,
And cannot flee?
As good love lost as found,
Far better loose than bound:
Ay, when I list to love, etc

5. Since I am not her mease;
She is so ill to please,
Love doth her most disease,
That cannot flee.
Since as good comes as goes,
My heart yet shal I raise:
Ay, when I list to love, etc

Lyrics for bass line:

2. I see anew
Lovers both true
For love may change
And blaikned be

3. Since variance,
Dissimulance,
And inconstance
Beareth the gree

4. No faith I find,
Nor pity kind,
Why run on ground
And cannot flee?

5. I'm not her mease,
Cannot her please,
Cannot her please,
That cannot flee