

# 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