

# What if my mistress now

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Vocal

8 What if my mis - tress now will needs un - con - stant  
 My mis - tress frowns, and swears that now I love her  
 She blames my truth and cause - less - ly ac - cus - eth  
 If she doth change, she must not be in con - stan -  
 If she at once do please to fa - vour more than  
 But now let love in time re - dress all these my  
 Which if I find my heart some o - ther - where to

Lute

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8 be? Wilt thou be then so false in love as well as  
 not, The change she finds is that which my des - pair be -  
 me; I must not let mine eyes re - port what they do  
 - cy; For why she doth pro - fess to take such li - ber -  
 one I a - greed in hum - ble sort to make my  
 wrongs; And let my love re - ceive the due to her be -  
 dwell, For, lov - ing, not to be be - lov'd, it is a

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8 she? No, no, such false - hood flee, though wo - men faith - less  
 - got, Des - pair which is my love, since she all faith for -  
 see; My thoughts re - strain'd must be, and yet fast will go  
 - ty; Her - self she will un - tie, and yet fast bound am  
 moan; I spake not to a stone, where sense of love is  
 - longs, Else thus I'll frame my song or change my mis - tress'  
 hell. Since so my hap be - fell, I bid my love fare -

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8 be, No, no, such false - hood flee, though wo - men faith - less be.  
 - got, Des - pair which is my love, since she all faith for - got.  
 free, My thoughts re - strain'd must be, and yet fast will go free.  
 I, Her - self she will un - tie, and yet fast bound am I.  
 none, I spake not to a stone, where sense of love is none.  
 longs, Else thus I'll frame my song or change my mis - tress' longs.  
 - well, Since so my hap be - fell, I bid my love fare - well.