

refrain

I would rath-er love what I can-not have than have what I can-not


love; I would rath-er be 'just a friend of his' Than an-y oth-er fellow's tur-tle

dove! I would rath-er have him a-buse me Than an-

oth-er call me 'an-gel from a-bove; I would rath-er love what I

can-not have Than have what I can-not love. I would love.

# I'd Rather Love What I Cannot Have Than Have What I Cannot Love



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tell them why I shall be an old maid when I die—

um-der-stand, So I say to them in sweet-est tones—

ask me for my hand, When I try to tell them, they dont

do not care to try, Then if they per-sist I simp-ly

Some de-clare they love me and

right near by:— I tell them Im con-tent-ed and

soon for- get:— I tell them Im con-tent-ed and

All day I sigh and al-most cry, Though there are a lot of fel-lows

They say hes met an-oth-er pet, And if I will try that I can

Moderato

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*mf quasi Harp*

I feel- ing blue, dis-cour-aged, too, I great-ly fear, Im rath-er queer, I

You dont mind if I should tell my woes to you? I had a bean,

dont want an-y oth-er man to call me dear! The boys all say,

I loved him so, Now hes gone a-way, but where I do not know

though hes a-way, That is no ex-cuse for me to pine all day.

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