



# FOREVER

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**F**orever is a long time, the life of moon and stars,  
A longer life than churches know, or prison gates  
and bars,  
And I have vowed to love her, forever and a day,  
A vow that knows no changing or crumbling or decay.

Forever is a long time, the life of sea and tide,  
No calendar can mark it, no seasons can divide;  
It has no bitter ending – let life bring what it may,  
My love must last forever, forever and a day.

Though buildings fall in ruins and earthly splendors  
fade;  
Though death shall separate us, still stands the vow  
I made;  
Though fashions change and fancies sweep all charms  
we know away,  
Our love must last forever, forever and a day.

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