



I Wish for You One Thing, and that is Love - William Byrd

I wish for you one thing, and that is love Love for life, and pure, unfettered joy At being here on this vivid earth.

May pleasure come from giving pleasure, And love that streams out of your burning heart Light the darkened world and make it bloom.

I wish you to be loved both well and long
By all those whom you love; that these be many.
Among whom, not least, might be yourself.

May you love the beautiful and good, And always act with honesty and justice, Being what you would that others be.

But most of all, I wish for you a love Into which your love might plunge and drown, An ocean in which you might live and breathe.

