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"Sweetest Love I Do Not Goe", a love poem has been composed by John Donne. Donne is a well known metaphysical poet. This poem is a very wonderful poem grounded in a deeply religious sensibility. The present poem is written in 5 stanzas each with a rhyme scheme of ababeddc. His most poems are based on theme of love and his beloved.

In this poetry poet tells his beloved that he is not leaving because he is tired of the relationship instead, he must go as a duty. Eventually, the sun departs every night but returns every morning and he has a much shorter distance to travel. Therefore he says:-

Yesternight the sun went hence,

And yet is here today;

Departure is always tearful and fearful. Therefore he is consoling his beloved that if the sun can return then the poet can also return from his journey in a day or two. The poet has feelings for his beloved. He is not emotionless but full of sentiments and love. He will return sooner than sun so that his beloved will never realize that he has gone away from her. Poet is against the nature of men. If happiness knocks their door, they instead of becoming happy, fear from future threats. He

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know that happiness is occasional episode in general drama of pain yet we must enjoy that episode. He wants that men should enjoy whatever enjoyment is possible. The poet makes his relationship with her lover lucid and simple.

When thou sigh'st, thou sigh'st not wind,

But sigh'st my soul away;

When thou weep'st unkindly kind,

My life's blood doth decay

It can not be

He says that when she inhales oxygen, she actually grasps his soul. Her tears are not only tears but the blood of the poet. In simplistic terms, the poet wants to clear everything to his beloved. He is deeply in love with her; therefore, every pain of his beloved is the pain of the poet. If she loves the poet, the poet will become happy; if she becomes sad, the poet would become sadder than she would. In short, the poet wants to demonstrate his feelings of love. If his beloved lives, he lives; if she dies the poet dies. Hence, Donne is advising her: do not worry, do not weep, do not cry and do not have fear of any kind, as she is the best part of the poet. It seems that the poet has exaggerated his love yet he sticks to reality.

But I think that we

Are but turn'd aside to sleep;

They who one another keep

Alive, never parted be.

The poet knows that his beloved is thinking negatively. When a person goes away

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from his near and dear ones, some unknown fears threaten their minds. Pessimistic predictions sadden them, due to which they become fearful. May be she is thinking that the poet would not return or the poet would leave her forever. When a person overthinks, he becomes fearful. The poet advises her to stop overthinking. She should keep in mind that their love is everlasting. They can not live separate. The poet asks her to think in a way that they are saying goodnight to each other. In the morning, they will meet and will enjoy their own company.

In nutshell we can say that this poem reveals the poet's dedication and devotion towards his beloved. The whole poem is simple and lucid. It is self-explanatory. Unlike other poems of Donne, this poem has sweet music of its own. The poet uses no far fetched metaphor or simile. In some poems, he uses fanciful allusions but this poem is exceptional. Moreover, there is no complexity in the poem. In short, every line and each stanza of the poem justify the title "Sweetest Love I Do Not Go".