

BUT PARTING IS RETURN

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for
Susie & David

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Sop

But part-ing is re-turn the com-ing home the co-

ten, bass

But par-ting is re-turn, the

alt

ming home, par-ting in space and yet dear-est mee-ting

co-ming home, the co-

alt 1

But Par-ting is re-turn, the co-ming home

alt 2

co-ming home, the co-

sop

yet dear-est mee-ting, yet dearest mee-ting, where most

alt 1

yet dear-est mee-ting

alt 2

yet dearest meet-ing

we seem to go there most do come, there most

where most we seem to go there most do

do come and give each o-ther and give each o-ther an
 come

e-ter nal greet- ing, an e-ter- nal greet- ing

Love is re- stored, love is re- stored to no- ble- ness

and peace, to no- ble- ness and peace ROO- TED IN

rea- son as ab- stract, ab- stract and pure, ab- stract
 rooted in reason ab- stract and pure ab-

and pure ab- stract and pure as the e- quation where all

all ques-tions cease, all ques-tions cease

ques-tions cease

Love with its deep-est mea-ning, to en-dure, en

dure, en-dure and grow, en-dure and grow

un-til when stand-ing on the through all anx-i-e-ty stand-ing

ve-ry quick-sand Pas-sion it-self finds roots a-

gain in pi-ty, Pas-sion it-self finds roots a-gain in

Pi-ty, we take each o-ther, we take each o-ther

gent-ly gent-ly by the hands by the hands

Parting be-

and deep-er neede-man-ding-dee-per U-nion
comes ar-ri-val and com-mu-nion, com-

mu-nion