Dear Heart, Leave Me Not - song lyrics

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DEAR HEART, LEAVE ME NOT.
Words by G. Clifton Bingham. Music by Tito Mattel.
Sung by Lillian Russell in "The Queen's Mate."

So long the day, so dark the way, dear heart, before you came;
It seems to me it cannot be this world is still the same.,
For then I stood as in some wood, and vainly sought for light,
But now day dawns on sun-lit lawns, and life is glad and bright.
Oh. leave me not, oh, leave me not, dear heart, dear heart;
I did not dream that we should part.
I love but thee, oh, love thou me, and leave and leave me not.
Hear heart, dear heart; leave me not, dear heart.

With you away, the brightest day, dear heart, goes by In vain;
I dare not dream what life would seem if you ne'er came again.
Dark ways before would darken more, the world would change to me;
Each sun would set in vain regret that morning brought not thee.
Oh, leave me not, oh, leave me not, dear heart, dear heart;
I dare not dream that we must part;
I love but thee, oh, love thou me, and leave and leave me not, dear heart.
Dear heart, leave me not, leave me not; dear heart, leave me not, dear heart,