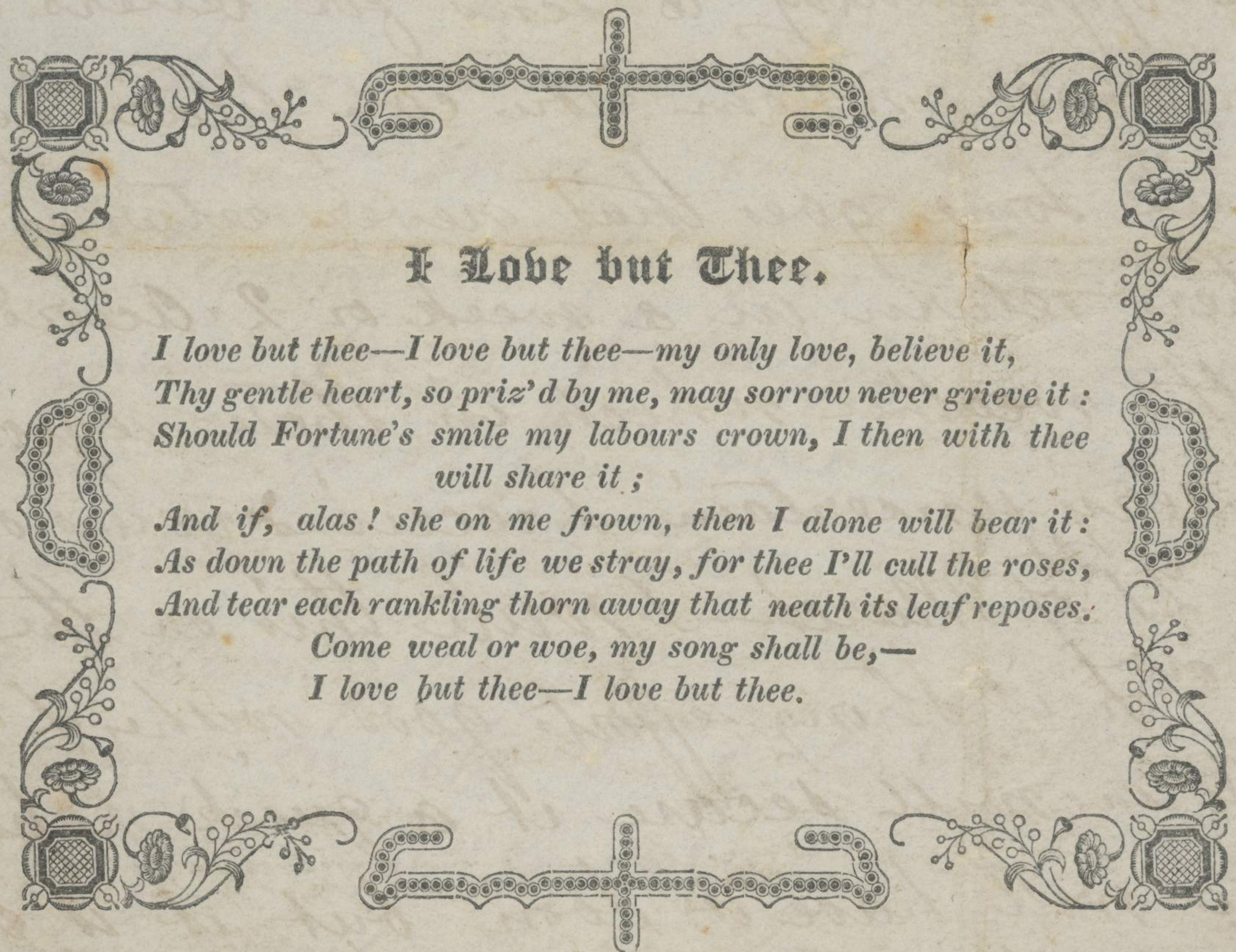


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I Love but Thee.

*I love but thee—I love but thee—my only love, believe it,
 Thy gentle heart, so priz'd by me, may sorrow never grieve it :
 Should Fortune's smile my labours crown, I then with thee
 will share it ;
 And if, alas ! she on me frown, then I alone will bear it :
 As down the path of life we stray, for thee I'll cull the roses,
 And tear each rankling thorn away that neath its leaf reposes.
 Come weal or woe, my song shall be,—
 I love but thee—I love but thee.*

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March 22nd 1854
 Kansas Territory
 My Dear Wife
 I have at length received a letter
 from you although I was very happy
 to receive it yet it had been a
 long time on the road this I can
 account for from the circumstance
 of my having removed to the territory
 50 miles from a Post office & below



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an opportunity to send for letters by
person on whom you can place depen-
dence some goes that never returns
others return in a week or 2. According
to the weather which in these regions
is very uncertain I received yours on
the 21st of March. I write this on the
22nd if strong efforts, good wishes &
desires will secure it a quick passage
you will have it soon but it is very
likely that from a variety of circum-
stances it will be a long time on the
road - but we must do our best in
this as well as other things I leave the
rest to God - to proceed to give you
an account of my peregrinations I
must say that here I am in the
territory I have been here 5 weeks
when I started from Kansas the
weather appeared to be cleared up
& promised to be very fine but
in a few days after I arrived here

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it turned very cold & a violent
 snow storm came on & a mighty
 wind would sweep the prairie
 with tremendous fury. This would
 continue for a fortnight or so & then
 a few days of fine weather in which
 vegetation would take a mighty stride
 the bottom grass would get green buds
 come out on the trees birds fly about
 & sing in the groves & one bird esp
 ecially would say Lovey - Lovey - Lovey
 when soon the clouds would gather
 blackness the wind would spring up
 & now a storm of hail & then a
 storm of snow setting in with frost
 the snow is now on the ground with
 a sharp frost & still snowing but the
 Lord mingle his Mercies with hopes
 the few fine days we have had
 I have endeavoured to improve to
 the best advantage in prospecting
 looking for a claim & finding a loca
 tion & so to behold I have found one

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ah but say you what kind of one
 then say I as the Ghost said
 to Hamlet List Oh - List - there
 is Stone-wood-water & prairie
 I have commenced a cabin on an emin-
 ance which they call here a bluff
 plenty of stone near it at the back
 a beautiful strip of timber a
 quarter of mile in length at the
 bottom rolls a lovely silvery crystal
 river the other side of the stream
 is another piece of timber belonging
 to another claim the river glides
 between on the right of my cabin
 in the distance on rising ground
 is groves of timber of the same on
 the left & in front is a fine rolling
 prairie reaching to the utmost bound
 of the everlasting hills they call my
 place Mount Pisgah cottage on
 the next claim to me ~~to~~ the left
 the Yorkshire man Swift (who I

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him ^{Db}
Since I have ~~been~~ here I hope if it
please God the weather will soon
break up that I may get on with
my place I live on my own hook
as boarding with others without
being able to work to get any thing
bring me low very low in money
matters I hope I shall be able to mus-
ter up enough when the weather
will permit me to go to my own
place to pay for my board but I
must trust in the loving God who
can & will do all things for you
& me there appears to be a good
prospect here & I hope there is
better days coming for us all I had
the precaution to bring provisions
along with me from Kansas city
which I trust will last me for
a few Months after I quit my
boarding place & I trust I shall

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