

Be Gone, Dull Care!

**The underlined words are the first strong syllable of each phrase*

1. Be gone, dull care!

I prithee be gone from me;

Be gone, dull care!

Thou and I can never agree.

Long while thou hast been tarrying here,

And fain thou wouldst me kill;

But i' faith, dull care,

Thou never shalt have thy will.

2. Too much care

Will make a young man grey;

Too much care

Will turn an old man to clay.

My wife shall dance, and I shall sing,

So merrily pass the day;

For I hold it is the wisest thing,

To drive dull care away.

3. Hence, dull care,

I'll none of thy company;

Hence, dull care,

Thou art no pair for me.

We'll hunt the wild boar through the wold,

So merrily pass the day;

And then at night, o'er a cheerful bowl,

We'll drive dull care away.