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Rondeau:  
The Rose Once Blown

Original version for tenor and viola  
From *The Romance of the Rose* (2020)

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*Text by Kate Soper*

The rose once blown must die:  
And I, who by the flame of your love drew breath, must in cold death repose.

As glows true love but once in every life,  
The rose once blown must die.

The throat must sigh its last long sigh:  
The eye, upon its last glimpse of you, must forever close.

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**Measure 1-5:** Tenor: *mp espr.* The rose once  
Viola: *mp espr.* *legato sempre*

**Measure 6-12:** T.: *mf* blown must die; and I, who by the flame of your  
Vla.: *mf* *p*

**Measure 13-18:** T.: *mf* love drew breath now in cold death re - pose. As glows  
Vla.: *mf* *p* *mp espr.*

**Measure 19-24:** T.: *mf* but once true love in ev - ery  
Vla.: *mf*

**Measure 25-30:** T.: *p* life, the rose once  
Vla.: *p* *p echo.*

31 *mf* *p* *mp espr.*

T. *8* blown must die. The throat

Vla. *mf* *p* *mp espr.*

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39 *mf* *p*

T. must sigh its last long sigh; the eye, u-pon its

Vla. *mf* *p*

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46 *mf*

T. last glimpse of you must for - e - - - ver

Vla. *mf*

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51 *p* *pp*

T. close. The rose once

Vla. *p* *pp*

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56 *mp* *p*

T. blown must die; and I, who by the

Vla. *mp* *p*

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62 *mf* *p*

T. flame of your love drew breath now in cold death re - pose.

Vla. *mf* *p*