My Lodging It Is on the Cold Ground

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TILL CROWN THEE WITH A GARLAND OF STRAW THEN, AND I'LL MARRY THEE WITH A RUSH RING,
MY FROZEN HOPES SHALL THAW, THEN,
AND MERRILY WILL WE SING.
O TURN TO ME, MY DEAR LOVE,
AND PRITHEE LOVE, TURN TO ME,
FOR THOU ART THE MAN THAT ALONE CANST
PROCURE MY LIBERTY'

BUT IF THOU WILT HARDEN THY HEART STILL,
AND BE DEAF TO MY PITIFUL MOAN,
THEN I MUST ENDURE THE SMART STILL,
AND TUMBLE IN STRAW ALONE.
YET STILL I CRY, 'OH TURN LOVE,
AND PRITHEE, LOVE TURN TO ME!
FOR THOU ART THE MAN THAT ALONE ART
THE CAUSE OF MY MISERY.'