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With my Lord gone so long
the suitors do abound,
and I know
I must keep them at bay
but they do not accept my feeble nay,
and so I devise a plan to ward them off, so as to let me keep
the peace and loyalty that I yearn within.
Thus, I thought I would create
a shroud for my lord to wear.
With nimble fingers I weave all day,
for everyone to see the work
in earnest that I do to push
the suitors away.
Then by the light of the moon
I silently undo
the threads of the shroud
that will never let me end
this task that I undertook
to help sustain my loyalty to my King
While as gently as I can,
I pluck away at my work
until the threads are undone.
It seems as though they are
the cords of love in my heart that I take apart,
and
yet I know my lord will return.....
for my Destiny
is to be
by his side
for eternity.