

## The Rosary

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The hours I spent with Thee, Dear Heart!  
Or, as a string of pearls to Thee,  
I count them over, every one apart,  
My rosary, my rosary...

Each hour a pearl, each pearl a prayer,  
To still a heart in absence wrung,  
I tell each bead unto the end,  
And there a cross is hung...

O' memories that bless and burn,  
O' barren gain and bitter loss,  
I kiss each bead and strive at last to learn,  
To kiss the cross, Sweet Heart,  
To kiss the cross...

I kiss each bead and strive at last to learn,  
To kiss the cross, Sweet Heart,  
To kiss the cross... (to kiss the cross)