

The following poems



- ☞ Were both written by Puritans during the era discussed in our book. These poems express a totally different view of Puritans than the one Hawthorne or Miller create in their works.
- ☞ Read and discuss "To My Dear and Loving Husband" and "Huswifery".
- ☞ Does this change our view of this culture and its people?

To My Dear and Loving Husband

If ever two were one, then surely we.

Thy love is such I can no way replay,

If ever wife was happy in a man,

The heavens reward thee manifold, I pray.

Compare with me ye women if you can.

Then while we live, in love let's so
persevere,

I prize thy love more than whole mines
of gold,

That when we live no more, we may live
ever.

Or all the riches that the East doth hold.

My love is such that rivers cannot
quench,



Huswifery



Make me, O Lord, Thy spinning wheel compete.

Thy holy word my distaff make for me.

Make mine affections Thy swift flyers neat

And make my soul Thy holy spool to be.

My conversation make to be Thy reel

And reel the yarn thereon spun of Thy wheel.

Make me Thy loom then, knit therein this twine:

And make Thy holy spirit, Lord, wind quills:

Then weave the web Thyself. Thy yarn is fine.

Thine ordinances make my

fulling mills.

Then dye the same in heavenly colors choice.

All pinked with varnished flowers of paradise.

Then clothe therewith mine understanding, will,

Affections, judgment, conscience, memory

My words, and actions, that their shine may fill

My ways with glory and Thee glorify.

Then mine apparel shall display before Ye

That I am clothed in holy robes for glory.