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I am Chaste

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I express my craze
And passionate feelings for you
I need your true love, my lover.
I claim I am not fanatical
Like Tolstoy's Anna Karenina
But if you don't love me anymore
I would give up my life....

Folk says
I have an illicit affair with you
But I seek your faith, my lover.
I assert I am not an adulterer
Like Flauberts's Madame Bovary
And if you can't value my moral purity
I would die in severe agony....

I embrace virtuosity
And strive after dignity
I yearn for your reverence, my lover.
I proclaim I am chaste

Like Richardson's Clarissa

But if you can't see the beauty of my soul

I would fulfil my desire by dying.....

I feel jealous and aggressive

When you bestow love on someone else

I want my rights to love, my lover.

I state I am a resolute fighter

Like Shakespeare's Cleopatra

If you won't return my possessions

I would fight till the death.....