

## DISTANT LOVER

She says she loves me. But she does not call. I hear her tell others. But I don't hear from her, "Despite the sufferings, my love is true... merely a test as He is wont to do. The precedent was set in Job," she reminds.

Once, she called daily, sometimes more. We'd spend quiet evenings together. I would comfort her throughout the night. She would awake with me in her thoughts--I held a prominent place then. And there was no need for her to tell others--

Now . . . her telling is the only way we know.

from the chapbook, [Verse on Verse](#)

Luke 21:36 (KJV)

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.