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How long will I love you?
A second is too short.
A second is no time
for a love of this sort.

An illustration of two mice, one larger and one smaller, standing on a grassy hill. They are looking up at two purple butterflies flying in a blue sky with white clouds. The scene is bright and cheerful, with yellow flowers scattered on the grass.

A minute is no better, for minutes fly by!

They're gone in a moment like a sweet butterfly.

An hour's still nothing –
it whirls by so fast.



I'll love you much longer than hours can last.