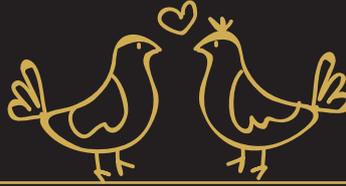




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Romantic Verse





I LOVE YOU MORE

“I love you more” she said to him
“No, I do!” he replied
“I love you to the moon” she said
“The moon and back!” he cried.

“I love you more than words can say
(or even poems)” she said
“I love you more than thoughts” said he
“Unspoken in my head.”

“I love you with each breath I take”
She quietly declared
“And I love you with all of me”
He said. “No atom spared.”

Each turned to ask the other one
“How will we settle this?”
Then gently, both at once, they said:
“I’ll prove it with a kiss.”

ALEXANDRA LIMIA DIEGUEZ

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To Miguel, my gorgeous husband. I love you (more).

TO MY VALENTINE

Gently, gently take with care,
it's all my heart you're holding there.
Careful, careful, let it fall,
it will not bounce, it's not a ball.

It's not a toy for sport or play
to tire with at end of day,
it's not a thing I lightly give,
I need it too, if I'm to live.

So, just before I let it go,
it's only fair that you should know,
if dropped – apart from my distress,
I fear 'twould make an awful mess.

But if you're fond of precious things,
have bored with roundabouts and swings
I gladly give this heart to you
and pray I have no need of glue.

KRISTEN MCLAUGHLIN

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY VALENTINE

You fill my days with sunshine
My nights with love and laughter
You make my life a fairy-tale
And I am 'happy ever after'

I don't need to tear off petals
And wonder 'loves me, loves me not?'
I don't need to consult the tarot cards
To know what treasure I have got

You make my heart beat faster
Each time you look my way
You'll always be my Valentine
Today and every day

LINDA WELCH

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LET ME

Let me linger in your warm embrace
In arms no longer strong
Each day, for all these years, I've known
It's where I most belong

Let me hold your hand and marvel
How it has changed with time
Even being frail and worn
It perfectly fits mine

Let me notice all your qualities
And take you not for granted
Let me recall when I first knew
You're all I ever wanted

Let me tell you what you mean to me
And remind you that you're dear
Knowing time is precious -
One day we'll not be here

For we have been together long
And sometimes I forget
Just how wonderful you've been
Since the day when first we met

And though our love is long in tooth
Each day with you is treasured
Our love's endured through good and bad
And that's how true love is measured

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For John, who truly knows that romance
is not limited to the young, and for those
who hope to discover this for themselves.

HEARTSTRINGS

A Valentine's wish to one so fair,
Let you know how much I care.
As tenderness reveals its soul to me
To love you unconditionally.
Divine essence of a love so true
Radiating back from me to you.

Hand in hand, we talk for hours
Carefree walks beneath the bowers.
Star-struck oceans in our eyes
Full of wonder and surprise.
Here's to my sweet Valentine
I pray your heart will soon be mine!

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TOGETHER FOREVER

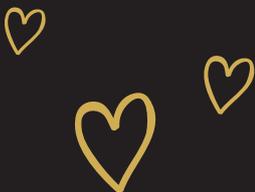
To ink my words?
now where to begin,
to express what I feel,
that feeling within.

Your eyes, your smile
they melt my heart
I yearn for your hugs
when we're apart

That time will come
when you hold me tight
our life together
like a star shining bright

Together forever
we will be
bonds that will never break
You're my destiny.

HAYLEY BERRY
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A SIMPLE RHYME

Some say it with kisses, some say it with hugs.
I say it with bacon butties and hot, sweet tea in mugs.
You get up with the kids and leave me to lie in.
I sometimes do the washing, you do the ironing.
I could be more romantic and maybe you could too.
Our love is practicality; it works for me and you.
We know each other's flaws, there's no need to pretend.
We are the closest allies, you are my closest friend.
I know that maybe sometimes, I don't say it enough,
I just assume you know it and forget romantic stuff.
So I have wrote this verse, for you my valentine,
To show you that I love you with just a simple rhyme.

EMMA JONES
 @emstevie

For my husband Dustain

ALWAYS YOURS, ALWAYS MINE

To sum my feelings up in words for you, my Valentine
I'd need to write a thousand words on how I'm glad you're mine
For every day I thank the stars that when our paths did meet
You sensed in me a heart that shared your gentle, rhythmic beat
Your smiling eyes, your warm embrace, the kindness in your heart
So much I need to say to you I don't know where to start
Accept this rose to celebrate our love, my Valentine
And be assured I'm always yours and you are always mine



PAUL COX

 @cromer44

For my partner Catherine

FOR YOU

Steve I need to tell you,
Every single day,
That you affect my life,
In a very special way.

When I wake up in the morning,
You are always there.
I wake up cosy with the knowledge
That you truly, deeply care.

Our children are so loved
And living lives of their own,
I know that they are happy
With all the memories we have sown.

As we now grow old together,
Every single day,
I want to affect your life,
In a very special way.

I want you to know,
As we close our eyes each night,
That you are in my thoughts, my love
As the darkness steals the light.

ANDREA GOODHEART

 @Brackenheart

For you, Steve Goodheart,
I mean every word!

MY OWN BELOVED

You asked me dear husband
To sit for a while.
You are old and you're tired
But there's love in your smile.

In the blue of your eyes
Our memories lie
Like the ocean's deep hues
Under Devon's young sky.

Holding hands,
When we were young
Who would have thought
We'd both last so long

The storm took the oak,
You remember that tree?
Now deep roots lie
Where once we would be.

CHRIS HUNT

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My poem is written for the older Valentine and was inspired by my Mom and Dad. Last year Dad passed away and leading up to his passing, Mom and Dad became very close and 'teenagers in love' again as they re-lived their early courtship. It was so poignant and touched my heart.



ODE TO RICHY

Your feet smell, but I love you,
Is that not enough?
You're gorgeous in every single way,
(Though your elbow skin is rough!)
I'm only messin' honestly,
to me, you are perfection.
If I were you I'd spend every minute
staring at my reflection!
I'm trying to think of how I can say,
how much you mean to me,
but my words just seem so weak, just like
a very milky tea.
and so I shall write this poem to you,
hoping you see the total truth,
that since we met you brought me happiness,
and our children are the proof.
So thank-you, my sweet husband,
for making every day a complete blessing,
I just hope you believe the words I say,
& this time, I ain't messin'.

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Yes Richy, this is completely dedicated to you,
love ya. Thank you for being mine



STAY TRUE

Soft caresses, stolen kisses, precious moments, love, wishes.
Hope, reality, shared dreams, life is never what it seems
Secret glances, smiles, a wink, this is ours let them think.
Giggles, laughs, giddy heights when I'm with you my life my light.
Tender touches of body and soul, staying together the ultimate goal.
I loved you then, love you now, trying to show you somehow.
Stay true my darling for it will be, our Happy Ever After wait and see.

LYNNE NEWTON

 @SkinnyLynne

YOUR FACE

When I looked up and saw your face,
I knew no-one else could ever replace,
Your gorgeous lips, your eyes and smile
you fill my tummy with butterflies.
To think that you are mine all mine
I love you to the end of time.

KATE ANDREWS

 @bazzingapest



FOR YOU

We awaken as a pair, together always
Please don't despair
I am close, never far,
always next to where you are
We travel, we run, we fly, we read, we write
Your smile makes the darkest day seem bright
Though we don't always agree,
I know that you are always there for me.
I have your back, through thick and thin.
Together there are no battles that we cannot win.
Every day together is a gift, for that I am truly grateful.
The day that we met was one that was fateful.
Happy Valentine's Day sweetheart.

HANNAH SMITH

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To my darling J, you are
always a champion to me.

LOVE IN A MODERN AGE

Social media and all its hype,
You're my favourite like a 'Facebook like,'
When I see you my heart goes 'twitter',
Email, blog you sparkle like glitter,

You put the interest in Pinterest
Your mood boards I admire,
but the selfie pics on Instagram
are the ones that I desire.

GEORGE WOOD

 @jingles100



AS YOU WISH

Watching Thelma & Louise for our very first date
Twenty-four years on and the road trip is still great.
I romantically proposed crooning Love Me Tender
So pleased you resisted any Return to Sender.
Being unjustly accused of persistent snoring
They often say marriage is seldom boring.
You were my Adrian and I was your Rocky
Now I'm less svelte and a smidgen more stocky.
You tried to instigate a non-football cure
But you are one signing I would never transfer.
My piano ties were the height of fashion
In accepting such flaws it shows your compassion.
We shared so many far-flung adventures
I hope we're exploring when it's time for dentures.
From writing love letters to playing cassettes
All these years later I have no regrets.
So having withstood periods of stormy weather
I simply can't wait to grow old together.

RICK HASWELL

 @zackary71

HONEST LOVE

Comfortable chaos mingles lightly with fury,
I step over the stranded shoe and see you there.

Your lips smolder and dent those cheeks.
Hints of mischief crinkle the melting mania in
musty cookie dough depths.

Unbidden, sun rays sprinkle through parted lids.

Flesh crinkles, billowing soft, hands scramble
at delicate embraces. Love-filled moments erase
the mammoth darkness. Ambers fresh, kindles; blaze
ebony ash and crimson dreams.

Drenched in unruly restlessness, squirming
beneath twirling skins and crushing weights.
Giggles ripple under muscled sheets. Overwhelming
sensations filter, through drunken beats of
rash decisions.

Time slithers. I gasp and surroundings
tighten. Slipping arm rests, enveloping sweetness
and barring anxiety. Huddled close-lost
children. Whispered promises.
Dark admissions.

Questions rise and fall, crashing against sandy shores.
I look into the liquidating softness, and see myself
drowning in trusted belief, I float until the next
storm. Hold me tight. Breathing in the doubt.
The stillness soothing.

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Love is ever complicated so
do not be disheartened.
I will always be there, as long
as you don't ever give up.



LOVE BOAT

Black letters flake paler than snow;
no words or image bold enough
to hold this emotion and float.

Rivers surge from your eyes.
Your hands could shell the oceans,
your chest steady a thousand tides.

You raise sails for my heart's heavy oak,
curve arks from my coracled mouth,
make my body a beautiful boat.

Water and vessel, we sail;
we sail, and we float.

SARAH JAMES

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JUST FOR YOU

You are my rock, my soul mate, my best friend.
The one on whom I can always depend.
Into your trust, I now wish to send,
A part of me that is yours,
Until the end.

Although it rests deep within, invisible from view,
It can betray my expressions and let you see through,
My placid exterior, my attempts to stay cool,
And cause me to talk and act like a fool.

What once had been broken and torn into two,
Has with time and your nurturing come together anew.
At every moment bursting with a love pure and true,
This is my heart,
It beats just for you....

AARON BYRNE

 @apb_1981

LOVE HAS A NAME

My one love / to love's embrace I'm drawn
And races forth my heart in rivalry with my arms
Though my eyes triumph, for they behold you always
A petal in moonlight.

A benign wind suspires our names
In a bouquet of jasmine, and orange blossoms.
As gleaming stars meld with our firework souls
Waking robins into nocturnal song.

How breathed I, before you?
How live now, but with you?
Sharing all as one spirit
Love's form and love's essence entwined.

Love has a name / it is ours
Whispered by each to each
In a swaying embrace / to the rhythm of our kisses
As the trees too, bend and bow.

You are heart's imagination given shape
Spun from water-reflected moonlight ethereal.
Full-honeyed inspiration to adore
Every night, forever more.

STEPHEN DAVIDS

 @swdavids

To Nicola, my love and wife of more than 30 years



LOVE ME LIKE YOU DO

Of all the romances we see of and hear,
I feel none would compare to what we have here.
Of all the loving gestures and cliché manners,
Nothing compares to your split second glance,
Those sparkling eyes, so perfectly deep,
Nothing compares to this infatuating trance.
In this world and the next, I shall only choose you,
My only request would be my darling,
Just continue to love me... Just love me like you do.

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To Nicola, my love and wife of more than 30 years

OUR LOVE STORY

It started out (as these things often do),
At a local pub with a drink or two.
A friend introduced us at the bar,
I was impressed that you played the guitar.
We met again several times after,
A shared sense of humour meant plenty of laughter.

To start a new job, you moved away,
We could only meet on a Sunday.
Do you remember seeing me off on the train?
You had to walk home alone in the rain.
It wasn't long before a turn in the weather
A new job for me, and then living together.

We are now husband and wife,
I would say we've done well out of life.
I smile when I see you with our wonderful boys,
(Guitars long since moved to make way for toys.)
Let's raise a toast to our happy family,
Our tale is simple but it's perfect for me.

CATHERINE PARKIN

 @Earlybird2013



MAY LOVE BLOSSOM

Like the leaves that work endlessly to sustain their beautiful flower,
You forever give me all that I need to grow and blossom
Absent of jealousy, you never crave to be gazed upon
Nor do you ask for reward for your devotion
But instead only delight in seeing me flourish
Nourished with your admiration and dedication
I grow and look at what happens with unconditional love like that,
It creates beauty for all to see.
Thank you for being my leaves.

KATIE WONG

 @katielouise

For my mum who grew my heart. You will forever own it.



THE PROPOSAL

I knew the day I met you, how amazingly special you were.
Lighting the world around me, everything became a blur.
I can no longer live without you, standing by my side.
Marry me, just say YES, say you'll be my bride.

DONNA TOWNER
@Darkangelmax452

ANXIOUS ABOUT ANXIETY

You know that I'm in love with you
You know I really care
Despite the fact I'm often blue
Because I'm not all there.

I suffer from anxiety
Which often can be tough
Because in our society
It's just not good enough.

You console me, help me breathe
You make me feel ok
While I, inside, just quietly seethe...
Why won't it go away?

To me you are my saviour
You're special, can't you see?
'Cause despite my behaviour
You love me just as me.

EMILY KNIGHT



REAL LOVE

My feelings won't change because of the passing of time
There will never be a day I don't think of you as mine.
Absence makes my heart grow fonder.
Every day I love you,
I love you more, I love you longer.
I miss your laugh, I miss your face.
You, the one impossible to replace.
I miss your smell, your touch, your voice.
For too many days. Not by choice.
But I know now, as do you
That this is real. This is true.
Our love's been tested. Our loves been tried.
Our love's shone through. It's never died.
And when we are old, and we lie together
I will be grateful we shared our love forever.

CLAIRE HUGHES
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THESE WORDS

These words are what lie in my heart,
I hope we never break apart.
Since that day you knocked my door,
Each day I've loved you so much more.
We've had our ups, we've had our downs,
Lots of laughs, the few odd frowns.
But we have this bond so strong,
Can't stay that mad for very long.

You're always standing by my side,
Go on - propose, make me your bride.
I'm always yours, you're always mine,
This way forever, sweet valentine.

KEELY ATKINSON
🐦 @KeeLou2015



ROSES

For you, only roses the pure crimson of my heart,
Where the red velvet petals of love are you
And I the bland stalk of a greenish hue.
You bring me colour.

For you, only roses as majestic as the sea,
Stood dignified and stunning and vibrant next to me,
I can only admire you from the distance of the ugly tree.
You bring me beauty.

For you, only roses as silky smooth as a May-time breeze,
Gliding past you enthral and capture me
Softening my angry thorns which I've grown without you to see.
You bring me comfort.

You are all the colour I see
Or the beauty I breathe
Or the comfort I need.
To you I give roses. With love, me.

SAMUEL T. BING
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YOU SEE ME

A million faces,
A crowded room.
I chose not to stand out,
as my shyness did loom.

But you saw me,
Really saw my true face.
The one that I hid
Behind the mannequin in place.

Right from the start
You loved me so fierce.
You captured my heart
That was so fragile to pierce.

Over the years
I've bloomed under your touch.
Like a flower craving water
You nourished my heart so much.

I could say thanks
For setting me free.
But it wouldn't be enough
That you love the real me.

You set me free.
You complete me.
But most of all, you see me.

NICK ARIS
🐦 @nickaris25

THE JOURNEY

When your hair has gone, mine is grey,
And our clothes are out of style.
We'll start our moans with, "in my day...",
Short walks might take a while.

However long the journey;
No matter what our view.
I will cherish every step,
As long I'm with you.

LOUISE SIMPSON