

TO MY HUSBAND---VALENTINE

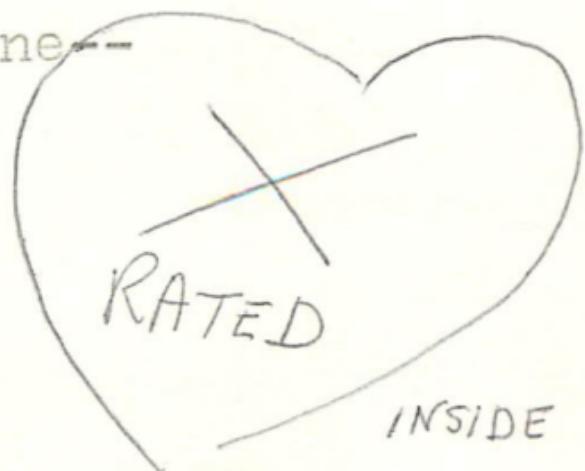
Don't bring me any lacy hearts  
With sweetly sticky poses.

In books I read the racy parts  
And skip the rhymes and roses.

Let's have a steak, a little wine  
And make like kids so jolly  
We won't forget this Valentine--  
Especially the finale!



OUTSIDE



INSIDE

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Birthday

O: Your birthday present was tied up with  
love and kisses--

I: Too bad you weren't around

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## Girl to Girl Card

O: Mad 'cause you heard your guy went for me?

I: Don't believe it. The subject never  
came up.

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ONE-LINERS, BUTTONS & KEY RINGS

I'm working on my Ph.D. in martyrdom

LICENSED SLEEP INSTRUCTOR

I'm an A+ student, Procrastination 101

ZITS FOR RENT

My sis is the wonderkid-- I'm the wonderblunder

My mom knitted me

BORN TO BE ME

I KNOW YOUR SECRET

The real message is in CODE

Let's find out how much I miss you

Yesterday I was the smartest one here

Don't laugh-- Yesterday I was tall and blond

If not for Columbus I wouldn't be standing here

Comet juice--the drink of tomorrow

You've got taxes-- I've got homework



DATE: 4/10/92

TO: G. Holloway

We at KALAN, INC. appreciate your submission to us. Thank you!

After careful review of your ideas, our conclusion is as follows:

- Your style does not lend itself to our company's products.
- Nothing at this time, but we are interested in seeing more submissions.
- Other:

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Friendship

You're as welcome  
as a sharpened pencil  
when all of mine are broken--  
as a message I can read  
when I've mislaid my glasses--  
as a bowl of clam chowder in March  
seasoned with fresh-ground nutmeg.  
Most of all you're welcome  
because you fill all the blanks  
in my daily crossword puzzle.

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ROUND-THE-CLOCK KIND

I have a certain pal for my garage sale craze  
And there are special people for Sundays  
And fellow dreamers share my literary phase  
But you're my only always-friend, all ways.

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Sweetheart

When we're together

I never quite say what I want to say.  
And sometimes I say almost nothing,  
afraid I'll say it wrong  
or get my syllables snarled like thread  
when I try to sew on a button.  
There's really no mystery  
about my love, but it's so strong  
it makes all the old words weak and pale  
even though I arrange them new ways  
in my mind. At the last second  
when I start to give them to you  
I realize how poor they are. But on paper  
at least you can see they're real,  
and if you can, imagine  
they've never been unwrapped before.

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Friendship

MORE THAN ALL OF THE BELOW

A friend like you  
is sun slanting  
through a stained glass pane,  
iced tea on a sizzling day,  
or finding money  
in an old jacket pocket  
when I'm broke.

A friend like you  
is a pair of fur-lined gloves  
warmed by a fireplace  
and given to me right after  
I've cleared snow off  
my windshield with bare hands.

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Suitable for: Husband  
or Wife  
First line could also  
read "cat" with no other  
changes necessary

The dog misses you,  
nose pressed to glass,  
eyes trained  
on the driveway, except  
when those devoted ears  
suspect your step  
on the hall stairs.  
Knowing better, I don't  
succumb to dashing  
up and down  
but more and more often  
my hand touches  
that anxious head  
as we share the window.

OLIVER MC KEE

Today I went to the lakeshore--  
So many bright boats rocked on the ripples  
But there was one, sparkling, sun-silvered,  
farthest out of all, and I thought of you.  
No matter how much distance there is  
between us, or how many other sails  
gleam and beckon nearby, it's your shining  
I look to, your sure course I follow.

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You're the central part of my life.  
Without you  
I'd be a clock without hands.  
Time would be flat and heavy and empty;  
there'd be no expression  
of sunlight or moonlight  
and nothing at all worth pointing to.

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Somehow

there aren't many forever words  
these days. And so much  
of what we say is meaningless  
or shopworn.

But there's a place inside me  
with a language of its own.

Maybe it's my heart,  
but wherever it is  
it's yours.

Unwrap it slowly and listen  
to the words.

They've never been said before.

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Necessary is a word that equates  
with food and water and warmth  
and you.

For me--  
necessarily not in that order.

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When we're all together  
I know the meaning of complete.  
When we're all together  
the meaning of happiness is clear.  
When we're all together  
I feel the meaning of love.

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Your smile  
is the essence of all you are.  
It leaves a light around your face  
and mine  
long after your lips have forgotten it.  
But all that shining  
is stored always in my heart,  
so bright it will never lose its way.

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I always say more than necessary,  
hum an extra measure of a song,  
breathe another sigh.

You can discard at leisure  
what you don't want  
along with dried up ballpoints  
and crossword puzzles you solved.

I was born afraid of silence--  
mine or yours or the earth's.  
And if I hold back some of what  
I feel, you'll never know how much  
love you've generated.  
It leaves no room for silence.

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nose pressed to glass,  
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on the driveway, except  
when those devoted ears  
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on the hall stairs.  
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succumb to dashing  
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The dog misses you more and more,  
Eyes beaded on the driveway,  
Nose validating the glass pane,  
Compounding abstract prints.  
  
Now and then his dedicated ears  
Suspect your step  
In the hall upstairs.  
  
Knowing it's only the creak  
Of morning or evening in the boards  
I don't succumb to dashing  
Up and down.  
  
But more and more often  
My hand reaches for the soft warmth  
Of his anxious head  
As we share the empty window.

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Mother's Day/Father's  
Day/Birthday

On your special day  
I want you to know  
I never forget I'm part of you  
as you're a cherished part of me.  
  
Today at the lakeshore  
so many bright boats  
rocked on the ripples.  
  
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8 lines

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

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Roses are red, that much is right  
but violets are purple or often white.  
I don't have to call them blue  
to find a word to rhyme with you.  
Sugar is out, an old cliche.  
"Neat" says more than "sweet" today.  
In fact you're all of the above,  
and YOU— the perfect rhyme for love.

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2. Birthday

Those with birthdays in December  
Find that some folks can't remember.  
  
With the rush of holidays,  
People wind up in a haze.  
  
Worse, are friends who think the date  
Too close to Yule to celebrate.  
  
They'll pile it all in one big greeting—  
Gee, I think that's kinda cheating.  
  
So for you I'll play the bard:  
Here's a special birthday card.