

Our  
LOVE  
Songs

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Our LOVE story:

“As soon as I saw you, I knew a grand adventure was about to begin.” – *Pooh*

*The beginning....*

“I burn, I pine, I perish”  
- *Shakespeare*



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**i carry your heart with me**

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in  
my heart) i am never without it (anywhere  
i go you go, my dear; and whatever is done  
by only me is your doing, my darling)

i fear

no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet) i want  
no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true)  
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows  
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)  
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)

*E. E. Cummings*



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## The Little Yellow Leaf

The story of a leaf who isn't ready to let go from the tree.  
And then, high up on an icy branch, a scarlet flash.  
One more leaf holding tight.  
"You're here?" called the Little Yellow Leaf.  
"I am," said the Little Scarlet Leaf.  
"Like me!" said the Little Yellow Leaf.  
Neither spoke.  
Finally... "Will you?" asked the Little Scarlett Leaf.  
"I will!" said the Little Yellow Leaf.  
And one, two, three, they let go and soared.

*Carin Berger*



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"We're all a little  
weird. And life  
is a little weird.  
And when we  
find someone  
whose weirdness  
is compatible  
with ours, we  
join up with  
them and fall  
into mutually  
satisfying  
weirdness —  
and call it love  
— true love."

*Robert Fulghum*



## Habitation

Marriage is not  
a house, or even a tent

it is before that, and colder:

the edge of the forest, the edge  
of the desert  
the unpainted stairs  
at the back, where we squat  
outdoors, eating popcorn

where painfully and with wonder

at having survived  
this far

we are learning to make fire.

*Margaret Atwood*



## It's all I have to bring today (26)

It's all I have to bring today—

This, and my heart beside—

This, and my heart, and all the fields—

And all the meadows wide—

Be sure you count—should I forget

Some one the sun could tell—

This, and my heart, and all the Bees

Which in the Clover dwell.

*Emily Dickinson*

“Whatever souls are made of, his and mine are the same.”



*Emily Brontë*

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## A Great Need

Out  
Of a great need  
We are all holding hands  
And climbing.  
Not loving is a letting go.  
Listen,  
The terrain around here  
Is  
Far too  
Dangerous  
For  
That.

*Hafiz*



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## Defeated by Love

The sky was lit  
by the splendor of the moon

So powerful  
I fell to the ground

Your love  
has made me sure

I am ready to forsake  
this worldly life  
and surrender  
to the magnificence  
of your Being

*Rumi*



## On Marriage

Then Almitra spoke again and said, "And what of Marriage, master?"

And he answered saying:

You were born together, and together you shall be forevermore.

You shall be together when white wings of death scatter your days.

Aye, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God.

But let there be spaces in your togetherness,

And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another but make not a bond of love:

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.

Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,

Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.

For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together, yet not too near together:

For the pillars of the temple stand apart,

And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

*The Prophet, Kahlil Gibran*



## Healing

We clasp the hands of those who go before us,  
and the hands of those who come after us;  
we enter the little circle of each other's arms,  
and the larger circle of lovers  
whose hands are joined in a dance,  
and the larger circle of all creatures,  
passing in and out of life,  
who move also in a dance,  
to a music so subtle and vast  
that no one hears it except in fragments."

*Wendell Berry*



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“Gravitation cannot be held responsible for people falling in love. How on earth can you explain in terms of chemistry and physics so important a biological phenomenon as first love? Put your hand on a stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with that special girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity.”

*Albert Einstein*



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### **Hope**

Hope is a thing with feathers  
that perches in the soul  
and sings the tune without words  
and never stops at all.

*Emily Dickinson*

“Day by day and night by night we were together  
— all else has long been forgotten by me.”

*Walt Whitman*



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“That day, she was amazed to discover that when he was saying 'As you wish,' what he meant was, 'I love you.' And even more amazing was the day she realized she truly loved him back.”

*The Princess Bride, Grandfather*

“True love is the greatest thing, in the world—except for a nice MLT — mutton, lettuce and tomato sandwich, where the mutton is nice and lean and the tomato is ripe.”

*The Princess Bride, Magic Max*

“Mawwage. Mawwage is what bwings us togevah today. Mawwage, that bwessed awwangement, that dweam wifin a dweam.”

*The Princess Bride by William Goldman*



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## Advice From a Tree

Dear Friend,  
Stand Tall and Proud  
Sink your roots deeply into the Earth  
Reflect the light of a greater source  
Think long term  
Go out on a limb  
Remember your place among all living beings  
Embrace with joy the changing seasons  
For each yields its own abundance  
The Energy and Birth of Spring  
The Growth and Contentment of Summer  
The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall  
The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter  
Feel the wind and the sun  
And delight in their presence  
Look up at the moon that shines down upon you  
And the mystery of the stars at night.  
Seek nourishment from the good things in life  
Simple pleasures  
Earth, fresh air, light  
Be content with your natural beauty  
Drink plenty of water  
Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes  
Be flexible  
Remember your roots  
Enjoy the view!

*Ilan Shamir*





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“Love is another kind of power, which shouldn't surprise you. Magic comes from emotions, among other things. And when two people are together, in that intimacy, when they really, selflessly love each other it changes them both. It lingers on in the energy of their lives, even when they are apart.”

*Jim Butcher*



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## **Delirium**

Love: a single word, a wispy thing, a word no bigger or longer than an edge. That's what it is: an edge; a razor. It draws up through the center of your life, cutting everything in two. Before and after. The rest of the world falls away on either side.

*Lauren Oliver*

“I would rather share one lifetime with you than face all the ages of this world alone.”

*Lord of the Rings, Arwen*



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## The Kiss

...My nerves are turned on. I hear them like musical instruments. Where there was silence the drums, the strings are incurably playing. You did this. Pure genius at work. Darling, the composer has stepped into fire.

*Anne Sexton*



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## Every Day

This is what love does: It makes you want to rewrite the world. It makes you want to choose the characters, build the scenery, guide the plot. The person you love sits across from you, and you want to do everything in your power to make it possible, endlessly possible. And when it's just the two of you, alone in a room, you can pretend that this is how it is, this is how it will be.

*David Levithan*

