

THE LOVER'S GIFT

I could have got you a bouquet of flowers
But your favourites aren't blooming at this time of year.
And I know you're not fond of those poor hothouse roses:
So I didn't get any for you my Dear.

I nearly bought you a box of fine pralines
But then I remembered you're watching your weight.
And I will support you in all things my darling:
So I left the chocolates for some later date.

While browsing one day I chanced on a display
Saying pamper your sweetheart with silk lingerie.
For beauty and pleasure in moments of leisure:
So that's undies for you, and the pleasure for me.

I could take you to dine in the soft candlelight
Of a restaurant that's full where the waiters ignore you.
And I'd send back the wine if it didn't taste right:
But that can't be the best way to say I adore you.

I wrote you a poem a year or two back, and
I'd write you another one now if I could.
But I'd hate you to think that the passion has slackened
If the next one I write you is not quite as good.

So I'll mend the fence and the paintwork that's peeling
And I'll clean the windows and I'll wash the floor.
It may not be much of an amorous feeling
But I know you'll love me that little bit more.

For a gesture's a gesture and a token's a token
And I don't deserve the good fortune I've had.
And my heart is so full I'm just glad it's not broken,
For make no mistake love, I love you like mad.

It would be equally possible to do a gender reversed version of this but all the verses would need to be different. Something like:

*"I could have bought you a shirt for your birthday
But then I got thinking of what you might say.
You might be quite miffed 'cause it's hardly a gift
When you leave me to buy all your shirts anyway...."*

Then I thought, any woman wishing to sing a song like this would surely wish to write one herself. Let me know if you do.