

# LOVE

## *Courtship, Heart and Romance*

### 1. ESSENCE

- 2866 Love in its essence is spiritual fire.  
Swedenborg (1688-1772)
- 2867 Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by  
imagination.  
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 2868 Love is the emblem of eternity:  
it confounds all notion of time:  
effaces all memory of a beginning, all fear of an end.  
Germaine De Stael (1766-1817)
- 2869 Love is the essence of God.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2870 Love is but another name for that inscrutable presence by  
which the soul is connected with humanity.  
William Simms (1806-1870)
- 2871 Love is energy of life.  
Robert Browning (1812-1889)
- 2872 Love is space and time measured by the heart.  
Marcel Proust (1871-1922)

### 2. OPPOSITES

- 2873 A heat full of coldness, a sweet full of bitterness, a pain  
full of pleasantness, which maketh thoughts have eyes, and  
hearts, and ears; bred by desire, nursed by delight, weaned  
by jealousy, killed by dissembling, buried by ingratitude;  
and this is love.  
John Lyly (1554-1606)
- 2874 O what a heaven is love! O what a hell!  
Thomas Dekker (1577-1632)
- 2875 As love increases, prudence diminishes.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2876 The more we love the nearer we are to hate.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

- 2877 Pains of love be sweeter far  
Than all other pleasures are.  
Dryden (1631-1700)
- 2878 So weak thou art that fools thy power despise;  
And yet so strong, thou triumph'st o'er the wise.  
Swift (1667-1745)
- 2879 Mysterious love, uncertain treasure,  
Hast thou more of pain or pleasure!  
Endless torments dwell about thee:  
Yet who would live, and live without thee!  
Addison (1672-1719)
- 2880 Love is the history of a woman's life;  
it is an episode in man's.  
Germaine De Stael (1766-1817)
- 2881 In her first passion woman loves her lover;  
In all others, all she loves is love.  
Byron (1788-1824)
- 2882 It is an ancient story  
Yet is it ever new.  
Heine (1797-1856)
- 2883 Pure love and suspicion cannot dwell together: at the door  
where the latter enters, the former makes its exit.  
Alexandre Dumas (1802-1870)
- 2884 The reason why all men honor love is because it looks up,  
and not down; aspires and not despairs.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2885 The sweetest joy, the wildest woe is love.  
Bailey (1816-1902)
- 2886 There is nothing in this world so sweet as love,  
and next to love, the sweetest thing is hate.  
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2887 It is ever the invisible that is the object of our  
profoundest worship. With the lover it is not the seen  
but the unseen that he muses upon.  
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 2888 Men always want to be a woman's first love -  
Women like to be a man's last romance.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

2889 Man begins by loving love and ends by loving a woman. 3 of 13  
 Woman begins by loving a man and ends by loving love.  
 Remy de Gourmont (1858-1915)

2890 The one thing we can never get enough of is love.  
 And the one thing we never give enough is love.  
 Henry Miller (1891-1980)

2891 In love the paradox occurs that two things become one and  
 yet remain two.  
 Erich Fromm (1900-1980)

### 3. INSIGHT

2892 He is not a lover who does not love forever.  
 Euripides (B.C. 480-406)

2893 Love will make men dare to die for their beloved -  
 love alone; and women as well as men.  
 Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)

2894 Lovers' quarrels are the renewal of love.  
 Terence (B.C. 185-159)

2895 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down  
 his life for his friends.  
 Jesus (B.C. 6?-30? A.D.)

2896 Pleasant fragrances of the breezes of love blow from the  
 lovers even though they might conceal it. The effects of  
 these breezes bear witness to them even if they disguise it  
 and are apparent even if they hide it.  
 Abu Ali Katib (fl. c. 940)

2897 They do not love that do not show their love.  
 John Heywood (1497?-1580?)

2898 Nuptial love maketh mankind; friendly love perfecteth it;  
 but wanton love corrupteth and embaseth it.  
 Bacon (1561-1626)

2899 Where love is great, the littlest doubts are fear;  
 When little fears grow great, great love grows there.  
 Shakespeare (1564-1616)

2900 The breath of divine knowledge is the bellows of divine  
 love, and the flame of divine love is the perfection of  
 divine knowledge.  
 Quarles (1592-1644)

- 2901 Love that is not madness is not love.  
Pedro Calderon (1600-1681)
- 2902 When the heart is still agitated by the remains of a  
passion, we are more ready to receive a new one than when  
we are entirely cured.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2903 The pleasure of love is in loving. We are happier in the  
passion we feel than in that which we excite.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2904 For all true love is grounded on esteem.  
George Villiers (1628-1687)
- 2905 Love is a passion  
Which kindles honor into noble acts.  
Dryden (1631-1700)
- 2906 Love reckons hours for months, and days for years;  
and every little absence is an age.  
Dryden (1631-1700)
- 2907 Love begins with love.  
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 2908 Courtship is to marriage, as a very witty prologue  
to a very dull play.  
William Congreve (1670-1729)
- 2909 Courtship consists in a number of quiet attentions, not so  
pointed as to alarm, nor so vague as not to be understood.  
Sterne (1713-1768)
- 2910 Love is like what is called the Milky Way in heaven,  
a brilliant mass formed by thousands of little stars,  
of which each perhaps is nebulous.  
Stendhal (1783-1842)
- 2911 Love is not altogether a delirium,  
yet it has many points in common therewith.  
I call it rather a discerning of the infinite in the finite-  
of the ideal made real.  
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 2912 There are no little events with the heart. It magnifies  
everything; it places in the same scales the fall of an  
empire of fourteen years and the dropping of a woman's  
glove, and almost always the glove weighs more than the  
empire.  
Balzac (1799-1850)

- 2913 The motto of chivalry is also the motto of wisdom;  
to serve all, but love only one.  
Balzac (1799-1850)
- 2914 Love is like a hunter, who cares not for the game when once  
caught, which he may have pursued with the most intense and  
breathless eagerness. Love is strongest in pursuit;  
friendship in possession.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2915 Life is a sleep, love is a dream;  
and you have lived if you have loved.  
De Musset (1810-1857)
- 2916 It is difficult to know at what moment love begins;  
it is less difficult to know that it has begun.  
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2917 As the rays come from the sun, and yet are not the sun,  
even so our love and pity, though they are not God,  
but merely a poor, weak image and reflection of him,  
yet from him alone they come.  
Charles Kingsley (1819-1875)
- 2918 There are three kinds of love, - unselfish, mutual, and  
selfish. The unselfish love is of the highest kind. The  
lover only minds the welfare of the beloved and does not  
care for his own sufferings. In mutual love the lover not  
only wants the happiness of his beloved but has an eye  
towards his own happiness also. It is middling. The  
selfish love is the lowest. It only looks towards its own  
happiness, no matter whether the beloved suffers weal  
or woe.  
Ramakrishna (1836-1886)
- 2919 Love is eternal - the aspect may change, but not the  
essence. There is the same difference in a person before  
and after he is in love as there is in an unlighted lamp  
and one that is burning. The lamp was there and was a good  
lamp, but now it is shedding light too, and that is its real  
function. And love makes one calmer about many things,  
and that way, one is more fit for one's work.  
Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890)

#### 4. POSITIVE

- 2920 The little space within the heart is as great as this vast  
universe. The heavens and the earth are there, and the sun,  
and the moon, and the stars; fire and lightning and winds  
are there; and all that now is and all that is not: for  
the whole universe is in Him and He dwells within our heart.  
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)

- 2921 If one has love in battle one is victorious.  
If one has it in defense one is invincible.  
Whom Heaven wants to save him he protects through love.  
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 2922 Love is the crowning grace of humanity, the holiest right of  
the soul, the golden link which binds us to duty and truth,  
the redeeming principle that chiefly reconciles the heart to  
life, and is prophetic of eternal good.  
Francesco Petrarch (1304-1374)
- 2923 Love is an image of God, and not a lifeless image,  
but the living essence of the divine nature  
which beams full of all goodness.  
Martin Luther (1483-1546)
- 2924 My bounty is as boundless as the sea,  
My love as deep; the more I give to thee  
The more I have, for both are infinite.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2925 For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings  
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2926 A smooth and steadfast mind,  
Gentle thoughts and calm desires,  
Hearts with equal love combined,  
Kindle never-dying fires.  
Thomas Carew (1595?-1639)
- 2927 Mutual love, the crown of all our bliss.  
Milton (1608-1674)
- 2928 The greatest pleasure of life is love.  
William Temple (1628-1699)
- 2929 Love, then, hath every bliss in store;  
'Tis friendship, and 'tis something more.  
Each other every wish they give;  
Not to know love is not to live.  
Gay (1688-1732)
- 2930 Love and desire are the spirit's wings to great deeds.  
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2931 Love has power to give in a moment what toil can scarcely  
reach in an age.  
Goethe (1749-1832)

- 2932 Paradise is always where love dwells.  
Richter (1763-1825)
- 2933 There is nothing half so sweet in life  
as love's young dreams.  
Thomas Moore (1779-1852)
- 2934 To love deeply in one direction makes us more loving in all  
others.  
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 2935 Yes, Love indeed is light from heaven;  
A spark of that immortal fire  
With angels shared, by Allah given  
To lift from earth our low desire.  
Byron (1788-1824)
- 2936 True love is eternal, infinite, and always like itself.  
It is equal and pure, without violent demonstrations:  
it is seen with white hairs and is always young in the heart  
Balzac (1799-1850)
- 2937 Life is the flower of which love is the honey.  
Jean Baptiste Alphonse Karr (1808-1890)
- 2938 He who for love hath undergone  
The worst that can befall,  
Is happier thousandfold than one  
Who never loved at all.  
Richard Milnes (1809-1885)
- 2939 A loving heart is the truest wisdom.  
Charles Dickens (1812-1870)
- 2940 The heart is wiser than the intellect.  
Josiah Holland (1819-1881)
- 2941 Ah, how skillful grows the hand  
That obeyeth Love's command!  
It is the heart and not the brain  
That to the highest doth attain,  
And he who followeth Love's behest  
Far excelleth all the rest.  
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2942 Love is infallible; it has no errors, for all errors are  
the want of love.  
Andrew Bonar Law (1858-1923)

2943 Love expects no reward. Love knows no fear. Love Divine gives - does not demand. Love thinks no evil; imputes no motive. To Love is to share and serve.  
Sivananda (born 1887)

2944 The way of heaven can be known and experienced through the heart.  
Manly P. Hall (born 1901)

## 5. NEGATIVE

2945 He whom love touches not walks in darkness.  
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)

2946 He who falls in love meets a worse fate than he who leaps from a rock.  
Plautus (B.C. 254-184)

2947 Everybody in love is blind.  
Propertius (B.C. 50-16)

2948 Love is a thing full of anxious fears.  
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)

2949 Love and dignity cannot share the same abode.  
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)

2950 True love hates and will not bear delay.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)

2951 Love is the tyrant of the heart; it darkens Reason, confounds discretion; deaf to Counsel It runs a headlong course to desperate madness.  
John Ford (1586-1640)

2952 The reason why lovers are never weary of one another is this - they are always talking of themselves.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

2953 If we judge of love by most of its results, it resembles hatred more than friendship.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

2954 O tyrant love, when held by you,  
We may to prudence bid adieu.  
La Fontaine (1621-1695)

2955 The first sigh of love is the last of wisdom.  
Antoine Bret (1717-1792)

- 2956 Yes, loving is a painful thrill  
And not to love more painful still;  
But oh, it is the worst of pain,  
To love and not be lov'd again.  
Thomas Moore (1779-1852)
- 2957 Let none think to fly the danger  
For soon or late love is his own avenger.  
Byron (1788-1824)
- 2958 Love is a pearl of purest hue,  
But stormy waves are round it;  
And dearly may a woman rue,  
The hour that she found it.  
Letitia Landon (1802-1838)
- 2959 Never self-possessed, or prudent, love is all abandonment.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2960 No man, or woman, was ever cured of love by discovering the  
falseness of his or her lover. The living together for  
three long, rainy days in the country has done more to  
dispel love than all the perfidies in love that have ever  
been committed.  
Arthur Helps (1813-1875)
- 2961 I cannot love as I have loved,  
And yet I know not why;  
It is the one great woe of life  
To feel all feeling die.  
Bailey (1816-1902)
- 2962 Laurel is green for a season,  
and love is sweet for a day;  
But love grows bitter with treason,  
and laurel outlives not May.  
Swinburne (1837-1909)
- 2963 When a man has once loved a woman he will do anything for  
her except continue to love her.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 2964 When one is in love one begins by deceiving oneself,  
one ends by deceiving others.  
That is what the world calls romance.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 2965 Love is an ocean of emotions,  
entirely surrounded by expenses.  
Thomas Dewar (1864-1930)

2966 The great tragedy of life is not that men perish,  
but that they cease to love.

Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)

2967 And if I loved you Wednesday,  
Well, what is that to you?  
I do not love you Thursday -  
So much is true.

Edna Millay (1892-1950)

## 6. ADVICE

2968 In the spring of thy youth, in the morning of thy days, when  
the eyes of man gaze on thee with delight, and nature  
whispereth in thine ear the meaning of their looks; Ah!  
hear with caution their seducing words, guard well thy  
heart, nor listen to their soft persuasions.

Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)

2969 If thou wishest to put an end to love,  
attend to business (love yields to employment);  
then thou wilt be safe.

Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)

2970 If you wished to be loved, love.

Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)

2971 In love, as in war, a fortress that parleys is half taken.

Margaret of Valois (1553-1615)

2972 If you would be loved, love and be lovable.

Franklin (1706-1790)

2973 He who cannot love must learn to flatter.

Goethe (1749-1832)

2974 Do proper homage to thine idol's eyes;  
But not too humbly, or she will despise  
Thee and thy suit, though told in moving tropes;  
Disguise even tenderness, if thou art wise.

Byron (1788-1824)

2975 Who are wise in love, love most, say least.

Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892)

2976 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have  
loved at all.

Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892)

- 2977 It is best to love wisely, no doubt;  
but to love foolishly is better than not to be able to love  
at all.  
Thackeray (1811-1863)
- 2978 Do not be afraid of showing your affection. Be warm and  
tender, thoughtful and affectionate. Men are more helped  
by sympathy, than by service; love is more than money, and  
a kind word will give more pleasure than a present.  
Lubbock (1834-1913)

## 7. POTPOURRI

- 2979 Fear not to swear; the winds carry the perjuries of lovers  
without effect over land and sea, thanks to Jupiter. The  
father of the gods himself has denied effect to what foolish  
lovers in their eagerness have sworn.  
Tibullus (B.C. 49-19)
- 2980 Divine is love, and scorneth worldly pelf,  
And can be bought with nothing but with self.  
Walter Raleigh (1552-1618)
- 2981 Were beauty under twenty locks kept fast,  
Yet love breaks through and picks them all at last.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2982 Doubt thou the stars are fire!  
Doubt that the sun doth move;  
Doubt truth to be a liar;  
But never doubt I love.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2983 They are but beggars that can count their worth,  
But my true love is grown to such excess,  
I cannot sum up half my sum of wealth.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2984 Follow a shadow, it still flies you,  
Seem to fly, it will pursue:  
So court a mistress, she denies you:  
Let her alone, she will court you.  
Say are not women truly, then,  
Styled but the shadows of men?  
Ben Jonson (1572-1637)
- 2985 So dear I love him,  
that with him all deaths I could endure,  
that without him live no life.  
Milton (1608-1674)

- 2986 It is with true love as it is with ghosts;  
everyone talks of it, but few have seen it.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2987 Love, free as air, at sight of human ties,  
Spreads his light wings, and in a moment flies.  
Pope (1688-1744)
- 2988 What is life, when wanting love?  
Night without a morning;  
Love's the cloudless summer sun,  
Nature gay adorning.  
Robert Burns (1759-1796)
- 2989 Love is the idler's occupation, the warrior's relaxation,  
and the sovereign's ruination.  
Napoleon (1769-1821)
- 2990 Love rules the court, the camp, the grove,  
And men below, and saints above:  
For love is heaven, and heaven is love.  
Walter Scott (1771-1832)
- 2991 All thoughts, all passions, all delights,  
Whatever stirs this mortal frame,  
All are but ministers of Love,  
And feed his sacred flame.  
Samuel Coleridge (1772-1834)
- 2992 Come live in my heart, and pay no rent.  
Samuel Lover (1797-1868)
- 2993 A ruddy drop of manly blood  
The surging sea outweighs;  
The world uncertain comes and goes,  
The lover rooted stays.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2994 And on her lover's arm she leant,  
And round her waist she felt it fold,  
And far across the hills they went  
In that new world which is the old.  
Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892)
- 2995 I love thee, I love but thee,  
With a love that shall not die  
Till the sun grows cold,  
And the stars are old.  
And the leaves of the Judgement Book unfold!  
Bayard Taylor (1825-1878)

- 2996 And my heart springs up anew,  
Bright and confident and true,  
And the old loves comes to meet me  
in the dawning and the dew.  
Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1895)
- 2997 The night has a thousand eyes, And the day but one;  
Yet the light of the bright world dies, With the dying sun.  
The mind has a thousand eyes, And the heart but one;  
Yet the light of a whole life dies, When love is done.  
Bourdillon (1852-1921)
- 2998 Yet each man kills the thing he loves,  
By each let this be heard,  
Some do it with a bitter look,  
Some with a flattering word.  
The coward does it with a kiss,  
The brave man with a sword!  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 2999 Wine come in at the mouth  
And love comes in at the eye;  
That's all we shall know for truth  
Before we grow old and die.  
Yeats (1865-1939)
- 3000 The heart of a man to the heart of a maid -  
Light of my tents, be fleet -  
Morning awaits at the end of the world,  
And the world is all at our feet.  
Kipling (1865-1936)
- 3001 Sing, for faith and hope are high -  
None so true as you and I -  
Sing the Lover's Litany:  
"Love like ours can never die!"  
Kipling (1865-1936)