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The problem with love poetry
is, should your efforts amuse me,
you'd be inspired to write more
and that's not what husbands are for.

I want a man to work a trade
so I can have goods ready-made;
a poet never has a dime
and that's a drag for a lifetime.

I need a man who wants children
and makes a home to raise them in;
a poet's always off somewhere
obsessed with publishers unfair.

I'd like a man to pleasure me
and help with chores occasionally;
a poet's up late scribbling
and worse, come day, he's sleeping in.

The problem with a love sonnet
is, should I say that I like it,
you'd write enough to fill a shelf
and that's making love to yourself.