

## **Love**

**You ask what does it mean  
When I say I love you  
So now I ask what does it mean  
When I say I love**

**I care  
I accept  
I give  
I cherish**

**Easy to say  
And trite but incomplete**

**When I say I love  
I speak a connection from me to another  
That bond, once formed in me,  
Rarely dissolves  
And so each link is enduring  
Independent the link from the other**

**When I say I love  
I say another is part of me  
No condition attached  
No action demanded  
No investment required  
From them**

**Love brings no fear  
No trepidation  
No apprehension  
Love simply is**

**When I say I love  
I speak a fact of my life**

**When I say I love you  
I say that I love  
But I say so much more**

**I speak of the fall  
That  
    Roaring  
        Spinning  
            Exhilarating  
                Ride on the crest  
                    Of a wave**

**That falling in love  
With its tangled skein of hopes  
And dreams**

**I speak  
    Of the warmth when I hear your voice  
    Of the glow when I see your face  
    Of the tingle when I feel your touch  
    Of the desire when I kiss your lips**

**I speak  
    Of wanting more than lovers  
    Of dreaming more than friends  
    Of hoping more than now**

**I speak of a fearsome place  
    Wild and unpredictable  
        Ruled by the Queen of Hearts  
            Teased by elusive guides**

**All of this  
Is what I mean  
When I say I love you**