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# Love /lay/ n: Strong affect arising out of

### You

When I met you,  
 I knew that you were  
 different from anyone  
 I'd ever known.  
 I've watched you grow  
 into the image of the man  
 I always knew you'd become.  
 You've turned into the  
 loving, caring person  
 I always knew you were.  
 You've been able to do  
 things that I never  
 dreamt were possible.  
 You have done everything I thought  
 you were capable of  
 and more.  
 It seems that I've  
 underestimated you.  
 You see, all I wanted  
 was someone to be  
 my friend.  
 You were my friend, BUT  
 you were also  
 my confidant and  
 my protector.  
 You watched from the sidelines  
 as I made my mistakes,  
 but you were always there  
 to pick me up as I fell.  
 The confidence that you  
 have in me  
 Surpasses any of the faith  
 that I'd had in myself.  
 Because of you, I can  
 live happily without  
 fearing my next failure  
 Because of you — I'll survive.

— Y. D. Moultrie

### PRECIOUS....SO PRECIOUS

Precious....so precious  
 I wish everyone in this world  
 Would treat each other as if it  
 were their last day.  
 I'll sit and wait  
 sit and wait for as long as I can,  
 Yet sooner or later  
 TIME is going to run out  
 Because it is too PRECIOUS  
 To be held,  
 and all precious things  
 are either  
 LOST  
 or  
 STOLEN!

—Tina D. Upchurch

### I know he's your man

I knocked at his door late last night,  
 only to find a note from you.  
 A note full of sunshine—I know he's your man.

I snuggled close in his arms,  
 only to smell the perfume you left behind.  
 It had a good smell, but it was yours.

I kissed his face and held him close  
 only to realize his heart was not totally there,  
 You were on his mind—I know he's your man.

I loved him all night long,  
 only to wake up with your picture staring at my  
 The picture of you two holding hands.

I told him goodbye and touched his heart,  
 only to realize that you, too, have touched him.  
 Your touch was first—I know he's your man.

I see him everyday, we often speak and share  
 only he's with you,  
 you are his lady.

I love him too. I've loved him all along,  
 only you were the one he chose.  
 You—but that doesn't change Me.  
 I know he's your man.

I've lied to you about us, what did you expect?  
 Only, I don't think you really care,  
 You know he'll come back to you.  
 I love him. I'm sorry but I do.

Only I can't show the world  
 I must forever live in the shadows.

I love him, am I wrong?  
 I know he's your man.

### The Times We Have Shared

When I try to put into words  
 just how I feel —  
 No words come to me —  
 only the emotion  
 and the memories  
 Of the times we've shared.  
 The times that I've talked  
 and you've listened  
 the times that I've cried  
 and you cared,

The times I was lonely —  
 YOU wer there.

You were there to comfort,  
 to console,  
 to guide,  
 and to be my friend.

No words could possibly express  
 the things I feel.

Nothing could possibly show  
 the love and warmth  
 that our friendship has brought  
 to me.

I only hope  
 that  
 In the time we have shared,  
 I've given as much inspiration  
 as I've taken.

—Y.D. Moultrie

### THE NEXT

Guess he made it harder  
 for you to take his place  
 Almost was impossible  
 for you to plead your case.

You knew I was determined  
 not to fall in love again  
 In fact, I had decided  
 I had had enough of men.

But how glad I am I met you,  
 cause you fought so hard to show  
 That your love for me was real...  
 And I'll never let you go.

—Shelia Russell

### Heartbroken & Alone

Heartbroken and alone—  
 it seems to be my destiny.  
 No matter how hard I try  
 my love never seems content.  
 Tears usually surface and  
 grief invades the heart.  
 Loneliness proves my most faithful  
 companion.  
 Heartbroken and alone—  
 It seems to be my destiny.

—Regina Newell

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