

Please note, the prize winning poems come first, but after that there's no particular order

Winner *Anne Catterall*

Always In Love

I glance at you through dimming light,
Your greying hair and fading sight,
I smile at you and what I see,
The man who fell in love with me,
Age has changed us, but cannot hide,
The love we feel so deep inside,
We've seen many a high and low,
That's surely made our love grow,
"Richer and poorer" we have shared,
"Sickness and health" when we have cared,
When times are tough and life seems bleak,
It's always your support I seek,
When sunny skies come our way,
With you I want to share the day,
Best friends is what we'll always be,
There for each other you and me,
You'll always be my Valentine,
Yes I'll be yours and you'll be mine.

Second Place *Owen Sutherland*

Sunny Daze

Thank you for such happy days
Hugs and kisses all your tender ways
Your sunshine smile a loving caring treat
To warm my heart with spreading heat.

A glance from eyes so sunny blue
A summer's day for me from you
Your gentle touch a petal's falling kiss
A touch of sun upon my lips a sup of bliss.

Thank you for such happy daze
Our shelter from the madding maze
A warm embrace within our lair
To show how much I love and care.

Commended *Carol Lockhart*

My Funny Valentine

You really have a sexy bum, it's firm and tight and round
It is just a pity that it's rather close to the ground
You've got hairs on your chest and big brown eyes
When you kiss me your tongue is a heck of a size
I know you love me, and I love you as well
But I wish you'd stop making that awful smell
You gobble your food and burp such a lot
I don't think you care - no not a jot
You snore when you sleep and keep me awake
It makes no difference if I give you a shake
But without you I'd be so terribly sad
Because having you near makes me so glad
So though you are a Funny Valentine
You are my pal and you are all mine
So give me a lick and a wag of your tail
As my love for you will never fail

Commended *Anne Catterall*

Wherefore Art Thou Valentine?

O Valentine, Valentine,
Wherefore art thou Valentine?
I'm sure out there some where's,
A man who wants to care,
To buy me diamond rings,
And lots of other things,
Red roses I'd adore,
Just send me more and more,
A small country retreat,
Would my needs just meet,
A yacht to sail together,
Well when it's sunny weather,
A villa out in Spain,
To keep me from the rain,
A wardrobe full of fashion,
Sexy underwear for passion,
No I'm not asking much,
So if you want to get in touch!!!!!!

Annie Hawker

To the man of my life
now it's Valentine's day,
I love you more dearly
more than I could ever say,
you brighten each moment
we spend with each other
and I hope my dear Valentine
you're glad you left your Mother

Annie Hawker

The days are so blue
when you are away
and sometimes they change
to a very dark grey
but when you return
and show me your love
bright rays seem to shine
straight from heaven above

Martha D'Souza

A poem for valentines day

there was a lovely girl named fran
who loved a mother's boy called sam
on valentine's day
she whisked him away
from the clutches of his loving mam

Martha D'Souza

My Valentine

an old lady from oldham i am
that old fogie brian's my man
we married young
and sprogs were sprung
he says! what a lucky lady i am

now forty nine years down the line
guess what! we're getting on fine
we moved to sunny spain
from snow, hail and rain
now enjoying our retirement time

as it will soon be valentine's day
and as years go by i can say
whatever the weather
we're still together
and we'll stay like this come what may

Owen Sutherland

Pink Passion

Wrap me in your almond blossom arms
Shower me with pink petal kisses
Waft me in your sweet fragrant sighs
Fill my heart with romantic desires.

So I treasure your touch
Wear your flowers as my smile
As our love takes deep root
And grows fresh tender shoots.

Owen Sutherland

Read Rose

I give you this rose my Valentine
Rich red beauty for your beauty mine
Folded petals in Love's fond embrace
Delicate and still deep crimson lace

A dozen red roses for you my darling
A dozen hearts of scarlet throbbing
Cannot match your beauty nor passion
Sweet lips and curls such pretty pattern.

I hope these words of mine my love
Have filled the vase left empty glove
My heart is full and sends this rose
To fill your heart with this read prose.

Mike Burgess

Tube worker.

A loose moral lass from Elm Park
Spent a day on the tube for a lark
With a change at Mile End
She made lots of men friends
But she couldn't last past Holland Park.

Byron Dawson

There was an old man from Jalon
who had a most talkative tongue
he talked all the day....
..... for to whisk her away
BUT slept like a babe all night long.

Deirdre Stewart

Valentine Vows

We met in a big garden shed
"He's for you" my friend said
We'd been traded in
One for money - one for sin
Tall and handsome - no, not me
Bearded, kind and what's more - free
Love, then an engagement ring
At 48 our hearts could sing
Like two kids out to play
Then a lovely Wedding Day
We came to Spain and live the Dream
We were the perfect team
Even when my sweetheart passed away
I love him still on Valentine's day
Real love will always stay
So thank you St. Valentine's Day
Memories rush in to say
Isn't love a wonderful thing
And my heart continues to sing.

Geoff Hall

my valentine keeps me amused
tho' of humour she can't be accused
it's not that she's funny
but she goes like a bunny
and the smile on my face is good news !

Anne Catterall

LoveFromA Distance

I gaze at you each day as you walk by my balcony,
I always try to catch your eye, somehow you never see,
You've only eyes for him, it seems life is so unfair,
I guess he's your constant mate, the pain is hard to bear,
So my daily glimpse of you keeps me dreaming on,
I wait watching patiently until you've come and gone,
Perhaps one day you'll look my way, my love for you won't fail,
You'll hear the beating of my heart and see my wagging tail.

Roger Davis

Twas 1956 when first I sent my Valentine to you,
In '57 I had a glimpse of Heaven with you,
When both of us set out our course for Life
You linked our destinies forever as my wife-

Now 55 years have all too swiftly passed,
With Valentines to you sent out upon the day,
But Valentines alone are every soon surpassed.
By living life with you my love from day to day.

So here's to more than Valentines to come,
When we can celebrate along the way,
And show the world our journeys not yet done,
Drink up my love, we've not yet had our day.

Thelma Cookson

I'm Yours

Let me love you, let me care for you,
Our hearts can be as one
Venus has told us
Endless happiness is ours

You are mine
Oh dearest love, I am yours, I am yours,
Until I die

Bill Bradley

Valentine's Day Limerick

For those of you seeking amor
St. Valentine opened the door
Though red roses are few
Almond blossom will do
To show your devotion and more.

Carol Lockhart

My Dream Valentine

Tall, dark, and handsome too, that's the dream for me
A knight in shining armour to look at me and see
A damsel in distress, to rescue now he must
His weapon at the ready – all it takes is one good thrust
He'll sweep me off my feet and carry me away
In dreamland I'll be in his arms I sway
We dance and caress all night long
To my knight I now really belong
As his trusty steed takes me off to cloud nine
Oh gosh, I do love my Dream Valentine

But then I wake and what do I see
Lying asleep in bed beside me
A knight in shining armour, sword at the ready
Oh no, it's him indoors wanting his breakfast ready
So dreams perhaps don't all come true
I guess I'll have to be content with you
You are my knight if truth be told
As we stay together and we grow old
But Valentine it would be a treat
If off my feet, me you did sweep
14th February is the day and time
Then you'll be my Dream Valentine.

Brian and Doris Clapton

Bitter/Sweet

The postman passed my door today
With ne'er a look or step my way.
My heart sank down, I wore a frown,
Why do people let me down.
I went inside before I cried,
My despondency I tried to hide.

But, then he turned to come my way,
My feelings now, I couldn't say.
He held a box, a large white box,
Inside a card, a Valentine,
That I had posted just in time.

