

Dear Bear,

It is not often that a person is lucky to find love, let alone the kind of love that you have shown me. There are many love songs, many poems, many stories that attempt to capture this feeling, but all of them fall short of painting the picture of what you have given me. I am no poet, so I know that these verses will fail too to capture the very essence of all that you are to me. Still, I will try, with these words as brush strokes of paint, to bring to life the beauty that is your being.

Remember when I sent that text

Claiming to have seen you from across the room

Before you replied, I wondered what next to do

Fearing that you would take me for a fool

Remember on the beach for our first date

When 'Wet Sahara Dust' fell from the sky

When you bought me waffles though you were late

In that moment, I thought I could fly

It is the way you make little things grand

A smile, a laugh or the offering of your hand

In you I find that life can be bliss

Peace is what I feel when you bring me a kiss

I know that I cannot boast of perfection

Or say that I deserve your attention

But you chose me as I did you

And as I love you do you love me too

On this our anniversary day

There are many things I'd like to say

Many ways I wish to thank you

For choosing me every day

Your coming into my life is a gift

And I can't wait to continue to sweep you off your feet

Knowing and loving you has been a joy

Everyday feels like unwrapping a box of my favorite toy

You alone are a thousand reasons why I keep going

The promise of your smile keeps my boat rowing

It is you who I want to wake up to

Tomorrow and the day after too

Happy anniversary to you my bear

There is none other that I hold so dear

Here's to more late night movies with you

Here's to falling asleep before the movies are through.