

Reasons I Love my Valentine  
for Robynn from Charlie

Open toed sandals, pink-nailed shine  
Steamy pancakes like syrupy wine  
Unshuttered soul jade flecked eyes  
Husky pitched breath panting high  
Blown blond braided pig-tailed hair  
Pottery, weaving, her writer's lair  
Chocolate cake slices served spongy, damp  
Lingerie too tight for postage stamps  
Our daughter's sing-song morning tunes  
Giggly children born of her womb  
Permanent sunrise is my Valentine  
Arisen, resplendent, eternally mine

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