

# I Love You Because

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(I love you for a hundred thousand reasons  
But most of all I love you cause you're you)

Why do I love you I love you not only for what you are  
But for what I am when I'm with you  
I love you not only for what you've made of yourself  
But for what you're making of me

And why do I love you I love you because you're helping me  
To build from the lumber of my life not a tavern but a temple  
From the words of my every day not a reproach but a song  
(I love you because you understand dear  
But most of all I love you cause you're you)

I love you for ignorin' the possibilities of a fool in me

And for laying firm hold on the possibilities of a good in me  
I love you because you've done more than any creed to make me happy  
And you've done it without a word

And you've done it without a touch  
Without even a sign you've done it just by being yourself  
(But most of all I love you cause you're you)

Perhaps after all that's what love really is