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AN EARLY VALENTINE'S, 12 YEARS LATE

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## **an early valentine's, 12 years late**

I've never been a fan of Valentines.  
You'd think a poet could compose a card:  
I've tried to rhyme; I'm honestly no good  
at it. I'd buy you chocolates, but we eat  
a giant bar each night while rushing papers.  
And flowers make you sneeze. Perhaps I should  
attempt some glorious death-defying feat...  
but I see you've kept a list of vetoed capers.  
Love-letters make you laugh. Dinner? I fear  
I'm not much of a gourmet chef, my dear.  
But come, this day has better use than prove  
that nothing's worth the weight (and wait) of love --  
So here's a joy you're meant to soon discard:  
Sit down with me. Let's share these clementines.

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