

## Fred Small "If I Were A Moose"

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If I were a moose and you were a cow  
Would you love me anyhow?  
Would you introduce me to your folks  
Would you tell your friends "No moose jokes!"  
If I were a moose and you were a cow.  
Would you invite me to your club  
And risk a cruel bovine snub  
Would you lead me down the receiving line  
And boldly boast "This moose is mine!"  
Would your parents watch us graze  
Shake their heads, "It's just a phase"  
Or would they thank the stars above  
Their precious heifer's found her love?  
Would your grandparents change their will?  
They'd really expected a Holstein bull  
"For this we toiled before the plow --  
You bring home someone who's not even a cow.  
There's lot's of proper stock around  
Like that nice young Guernsey at Farmer Brown's  
Or that last one we ridiculed and cursed  
On second thought you could do worse.  
But if you think this thing will last  
Could he learn to moo and eat our grass  
Shed his antlers in the dirt  
Could you persuade him to convert?"  
If our anatomies did not quite fit  
Would you make the best of it  
Would you nuzzle up so near  
And hum sweet cow tunes in my ear?  
Or would you sadly break it off  
When all the hillside sneered and scoffed  
"You know those moose are all the same  
They're lazy, they're stupid, they come from Maine."  
It's true things slip a moose's mind  
That cows remember all the time  
Bulbous nose and knobby knees  
A coat that harbors ticks and fleas  
But a moose can be a handy thing  
When hungry wolves come visiting  
In icy gust of winter storm  
Our fur is deep and dry and warm.  
And someday should your milk run dry

And farmer stare with baleful eye  
In dead of night I'd slip your noose  
And lead you home to the land of moose  
If I were a moose and you were a cow.  
If hunters came to do me harm  
Would you hide me in the barn  
Would all the herd come on the run  
And glare until they dropped their guns?  
Might you permit a goodnight kiss  
Could you learn to love wet moose lips?  
If I were a moose and you were a cow  
If you were a cow and I were a moose

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