

## **Jim Reeves**

# **"Why Do I Love You"**

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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

I love you for ignoring the possibilities of the fool in me  
And for laying firm hold of the possibilities for good in  
me

Why do I love you?  
I love you for closing your eyes to the discords  
And for adding to the music in me by worshipful  
listening

I love you because you're helping to make  
Of the lumber of my life  
Not a tavern but a temple

And out of the words of my everyday  
Not a reproach but a song  
I love you because you have done more than  
Any creed to make me happy

You have done it without a word  
Without a touch without a sign  
You have done it just by being yourself  
And after all perhaps that's what love means

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