

*SPARKING HUES AND OTHER POEMS*

By Scott Thomas Outlar

I never knew  
that a love like this  
could exist

but you arrived  
to flip all old perceptions  
on their head

dizzying up my mind  
with new tricks of light  
more vibrant

than any other hue  
that came close to my heart  
before now

*WE CAN'T BE BEAT*

I'll love you  
at the high points,  
the low valleys,  
the middle ground.

I'll love you  
when the clouds part,

when the sun shines,  
when the sky falls,  
when all seems lost.

I'll love you  
when the good news rolls in,  
when the tidal waves crash hard,  
when we're floating out at sea...  
in turbulence or at peace.

I'll love you  
as hopes run strong,  
as legs grow weary,  
as we're resting side by side.

I'll love you  
with faith,  
with security,  
with honesty,  
with integrity,  
without conditions,  
without requirements,  
without asking  
for anything in return  
except your heart.

**Bio**

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