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## To Rosie

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# Dave

*poet*

**born** / Salt Lake City, Utah  
**themes** True love

**essential** / Mary Oliver  
James Wright  
P. D. Eastman

**advice** / Don't use crazy fonts.  
**film** Waking Ned Devine

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## TO ROSIE

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Funny thing asking—Are you poopy?—and meaning it so sincerely, no sarcasm or mockery, just earnest desire to know if there's a load in your shorts. And you, crouched beneath the baby grand, telling me no, when the stink is as thick as this August air, lying to my face, as sweet

as an elevator love song.