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A Good Boyfriend
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A good boyfriend does not demand
or occupy all of your time.
He will not get a migraine
when he spends more than a dime.

A good boyfriend won’t walk
in front of you through a door.
He will not ignore your 100%
and always try to negotiate more.

A good boyfriend would never
disrespect you and break your heart.
He would not need to be
constantly reminded to do his part.

A good boyfriend wouldn’t attempt
to cheat on you and lie to your face.
He wouldn’t make you feel that
you being in his life takes up too much space.

A good boyfriend wouldn’t stand by
and watch you fall apart and cry.
He wouldn’t deny you the comfort
of an embrace and to wipe tears from your eye.

A good ‘boyfriend would not use your heart
and fill it with hopes and dreams.
Only to crush your soul
and to fill your mind with nightmares and screams.

So what is a good boyfriend?
That, I don’t know...
All I can do is laugh often,
live as a good person, and go with the flow.

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