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Darling Mabel
(The Love Letter)

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Joe was in love with sweet Mabel
And Dame Rumour said he was anxious to wed
But some how he never felt able
To speak when his loved one was nigh,
He'd blush like a rose when he met her,
And over each word he would stammer absurd,
But once in the form of a letter.
He thought for her heart he'd apply,
So straight way he wrote this bus'ness like note.

"Darling Mabel, now I'm able
To buy the happy home.
Since they've raised my screw, love,
I've enough for two, love,
Will you marry? Do not tarry,
Answer "Yes" or "No",
I conclude with love and kisses
Yours for ever, Joe."

Joe for his sweet Mabel's answer
Would wait on the mat for the postman's rattat,
And wonder if she'd say "I can't, sir,"
Or promise to be his own wife
He waited six months, and got thinner,
He's sob and he'd sigh, and would pipe his blue eye,
Would go without breakfast or dinner
In fact, he felt tired of his life
In dreams he would quote that letter he wrote.

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The sequel I haste to be stating
For truth now to tell, Mabel loved him quite well,
Then why did she keep the chap waiting?
The answer’s as plain as can be.
His life he’d determined to end it,
When in his old coat he discovered the note
Somehow he’d forgotten to send it;
He rushed off to Mabel with glee
Their wedding’s today, for he found pluck to say.

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