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**I. Thesis:** While in love, no matter what my mother says about the milk for free, I have discovered that he is prose, not sonnet. While having sterling qualities, he is not perfect. Remind the reader that no one is. Remind self.

**A.** This essay shall endeavor to prove the above. No Ronsard yearning for the unattained beloved allowed. No Petrarch—nothing, in fact, from the Continent—no love poetry with that much garlic in it. Shakespeare ok, but only that “nothing like the sun” sonnet—no Romeo and Juliet balcony scene.

**1.** We are older than Romeo and Juliet. We should know better by now. Anyway, they were Italian.

**2.** I wonder if we do know better.

**B.** He really is imperfect.

**C.** I am trying to keep my head on my shoulders. I mean it.

## II. He snores.

**A.** Put in the stuff about the milk for free here but refute it—same for white on your wedding day diatribe.

**1.** Shut up! You’re not the boss of me! I’m an adult now! Yes, ma’am.

**B.** He doesn’t get enough sleep because he is such a hard worker, so dedicated.



C. He really is imperfect; he really is.

D. Steady, girl.

### III. He doesn't hug me as much as I would like.

A. He has pledged his eternal protection of me. He said it like a broadcast journalist, right into the camera. He is on sentry duty 24/7. (Say something about the guards at Buckingham Palace—see C.)

B. He does hug me a lot. He just doesn't hug me when I am crying, tries to fix the problem instead, doesn't understand that I do not hold him responsible for spilled milk.

1. Another opportunity to refute the milk for free theory here—explore.

C. He is British. In spite of all temptations to belong to other nations, he remains an Englishman. Other nations may hug at random, but he never will. That would be intemperate.

1. Nelson: "I expect every Englishman to do his duty." Would Nelson hug?

2. Churchill: "Never have so few done so much for so many." Would Churchill hug?

3. Starr: "Turn left at Greenland." Would Ringo hug?

D. He is an engineer. Crying does not lead to good coding. There is no crying in baseball. (Is there crying in cricket? Research.)

### IV. He could stand a pedicure.

A. Address metrosexual theorem and whether it applies here, or if the Eurotrash quotient is enough. Go back to Information Technology axiom—recalculate.



**B.** "...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"—Romans 10:15 (from the King James).

1. Put in something here about Jesus washing feet. He goes to church, loves Jesus.

2. He really is imperfect. He really is.

**C.** If I remember he is imperfect, I won't be so silly, will I? Will I?

## V. Conclusion

**A.** The milk is never free. There is no such thing as a free lunch. The British call this dinner, traditionally.

**B.** He is English. I am silly over him. The BBC would never comment, but this is a perfect combination.

**C.** He has grown accustomed to my face.

**D.** Talk about the Ministry of Silly Walks versus Area 51—explain countercultural conspiracies.

**E.** He says he is not going anywhere, stated solemnly with clipped consonants in the prose of *The Financial Times*. When he walks, he treads on the ground.

**F.** And yet by heaven, I think my love as rare as any IT executive belied with false compare.