

# Wife Poem #37 and Self Help Poem #45

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*Man Trying to Embrace a Woman, Carel de Moor*

## Wife Poem #37

*Love is Something a Married Person Must Learn to Handle*

You must be very careful of what you say about love.

People will have strong feelings.

It is tricky to craft a spontaneous statement.

Love is something a married person  
must learn to handle, like relations.

Love is pleasant enough when indulged in from a distance,  
but the mood can change radically when you enter its space,  
or place yourself between it and its meal.

There is so much talk of and demand for love!

Lots of incarcerated women have confessed to love  
immediately before firing the pistol.

If a wanton love appears at my door,  
it must show another passport.

Don't get me wrong; I like it around.

But it can attract the wrong element.

Placing some reasonableness into the whole endeavor  
is why people work on their marriages.



*In A Café, Gustave Caillebotte*

## Self Help Poem #45

*A Poem is a Pause*

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