

# Bill Anderson, I Love You Because

(Leon Payne)

(I love you for a hundred thousand reasons)  
(But most of all I love you 'cause you're you.)

Why do I love you? I love you not only for what you are  
But for what I am when I'm with you  
I love you not only for what you've made of yourself  
But for what you're making of me.

And why do I love you? I love you because you're helping me  
To build from the lumber of my life, not a tavern but a temple  
From the words of my every day, not a reproach but a song  
(I love you because you understand dear)  
(But most of all I love you 'cause you're you.)

I love you for ignorin' the possibilities of a fool in me  
And for laying firm hold on the possibilities of a good in me  
I love you because you've done more  
Than any creed to make me happy

And you've done it without a word.  
And you've done it without a touch  
Without even a sign you've done it just by being yourself  
(But most of all I love you 'cause you're you.)

Perhaps after all that's what love really is...