

## *Love vs. Romance*

Love looks for the good  
the other;  
romance is concerned with  
one's self.

Love rejoices in the freedom  
of the other;  
romance wants the other  
as a slave.

Love is a matter  
of the will;  
romance is mostly  
emotional.

Love is long-lasting,  
whereas romance  
is temporary;  
Love has roots  
in reality;  
while romance is based  
on fantasy.

Love manifests itself  
in giving,  
but the main interest  
of romance  
is receiving.

Love is like good wine:  
it gets better  
as it grows older.  
Romance is like  
cheap champagne:  
as soon as it loses  
its effervescence,  
it becomes flat and stale.

Romance is something  
you fall into  
and crawl out of;  
those who love  
walk a steady road.

To be romantically inclined  
is to be on a high;  
love is tested  
when you are down low.

Romance is satisfied  
with the surface;  
love is much more  
profound.

Romance refuses  
to admit imperfection;  
Love can reckon with  
limitation and weakness.

Romance may give you  
a start;  
but only those who love,  
finish.

The question before marriage,  
therefore, is:  
not whether you are involved  
in romance,  
but whether you are capable  
of love.

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