









NEW MAN

I said to my myself,
Is there anything that I could do to please her?
Should I buy bouquets of sweetly smelling carnations
To colour her long, long day?
But then I thought I would ask her:
"What can I do
That would bring to you
Some romance and excitement?
Should I take you out to dine in candle-lit cafes
With Champagne and mellow sounds,
Where there's nobody else around?
But the answer she gave was "No!"

"There are things to do It would be very nice of you If you took advice and lent a helping hand. There's a house to clean, Or the dust and the dirt will just remain unseen Where all our chairs and tables stand. And there's clothes to wash and dry, And food to buy from the shops. If making meals to you appeals To me it never ever stops. And what's more, there's work That's impossible now to shirk In taking care of all the problems we share. Like my frail old mother dear, And the kids that we often fear will never leave the nest And give us a peaceful rest."

Even though it took a while for me to learn

And I made the bed, ev'ry mouth in the house was fed,

And all the rooms and all our clothes were cleaned in turn.

Mother soon passed on
The shock was far too much for her to bear,

The children moved away from home,

They never even told us where.

But my wife at least,

Finds the work in the house has ceased

Which gives her time to spend on something more sublime.

And she's found romance at last

With a man in the keep-fit class.

Because domestic chores mean I have to stay indoors.

So I did my best as I followed her full request,