

If Not For You

There'd be no Shakespeare
Except what I would hear
Pieced out in everyday talk
Another phrase to appear

Unrecognized, my dear
If not for you

There'd be no Klimt
O'Keefe, or Sargeant
No way for me to interpret
Or know what they meant

Even if I'd seen them
If not for you

I wouldn't know real difficulty
If you hadn't explained it to me
Recounted your life for me to see
You helped me adjust who I'd be

I was more real
Because you were real
That was our deal
And I still feel

I wouldn't be me
If not for you

The years have passed
And it hasn't been easy
Opposites attract
But there's no meaning

In the exploring of that
We are our union
Put together by
Something we agree on

And even that I might doubt
If not for you

The dolphin and the bear
Carry the marks of time
The cares weigh heavy
But I know you are mine

I'd have gone the wrong way
And there have probably stayed
If not for you

I wouldn't know this
If not for you