

# TAKE HEART

## A Conversation in Poetry

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Love's inspiration can come from anywhere, even a delivery truck -- and so today's poem by Alice Persons of Westbrook, the editor and publisher of Maine's Moon Pie Press.

### Why I Have A Crush On You, UPS Man

*by Alice N. Persons*

you bring me all the things I order  
are never in a bad mood  
always have a jaunty wave as you drive away  
look good in your brown shorts  
we have an ideal uncomplicated relationship  
you're like a cute boyfriend with great legs  
who always brings the perfect present  
(why, it's just what I've always wanted!)  
and then is considerate enough to go away  
oh, UPS Man, let's hop in your clean brown truck and elope!  
ditch your job, I'll ditch mine  
let's hit the road for Brownsville  
and tempt each other  
with all the luscious brown foods—  
roast beef, dark chocolate,  
brownies, Guinness, homemade pumpernickel, molasses cookies  
I'll make you my mama's bourbon pecan pie  
we'll give all the packages to kind-looking strangers  
live in a cozy wood cabin  
with a brown dog or two  
and a black and brown tabby  
I'm serious, UPS Man. Let's do it.  
Where do I sign?

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