

# A Valentine that is Technically a Sonnet

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How do I love thee? Let me quantify the ways.  
I loved thee when first I observed thy configuration,  
And I jumped to an excited state.  
Before I met thee, I was a free radical,  
But thou hast made me more stable.  
I loved thy reaction when a carbon joule I shocked thee with.  
We bonded and are now at equilibrium in the combined state.  
Thou makest me feel almost noble.  
I love thee for the children thou hast generated,  
Who daily prove the second law of thermodynamics.  
I love thee this Valentine's Day, February 14,  
Which incidentally is Jimmy Hoffa's birthday.  
I tell thee how I love thee,  
That our love may never be reduced.

