

## **A VOW**

*by Wendy Cope*

I cannot promise never to be angry;  
I cannot promise always to be kind.  
You know what you're taking on, my darling  
It's only at the start that love is blind.  
And yet I'm still the one you want to be with  
And you're the one for me – of that I'm sure.  
You're my closest friend, my favourite person,  
The lover and the home I've waited for.  
I cannot promise that I will deserve you  
From this day on. I hope to pass that test.  
I love you, and I want to make you happy.  
I promise I will do my very best.