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### Abstract

I am in love  
with the mailman.

### Keywords

love, mail, categorize, poetry



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## The Mailman

by Dana Kroos

I am in love  
with the mailman.  
I know that it is a  
cliché, but  
I can't help it.  
I love his sense  
of routine and commitment,  
his tracks in the snow,  
the rubber-band with which  
he binds  
my bills and catalogues  
together.

He is not  
obstructed by phone calls,  
appointments, traffic, road  
construction or Big Wheels

scattered across his path;  
does not feel obliged to make  
small-talk; and when the dog  
barks furiously he maintains  
a Zen silence.

It is true,  
I have never seen him; but  
I imagine that he has large  
hands and delicate fingers for  
slipping all of those letters into  
boxes. I fantasize that one day  
he will save me from all of this  
chaos. I would like to put  
myself in a stack with the  
outgoing mail so that he can  
pick me up,  
categorize me in his  
canvas bag and  
carry me around on his hip  
all day long.

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