

The Owl and the Mountain Goat

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Oh the Owl and the Mountain Goat went to space
In a beautiful sky blue ship.
They took some string cheese and other good things e-
nough for a five-year trip.
The Goat looked out at the stars around
And sang to a tenor guitar:
“Oh lovely Owl, oh Owl my love,
What a beautiful Owl you are.”

Owl said to the Goat on a very high note,
“How charmingly sweet you sing.
Oh let us be married, too long we have tarried,
But what shall we do for a ring?”
They sailed away for a year and a day
Till Saturn came into their view,
And as they flew by they could see in the sky
It had rings of a bright gold hue.

The Goat said to the Owl, “You elegant fowl,
With these rings I will take thee to wife.”
Owl said in reply, “By these rings in the sky,
I will love thee the rest of my life.”
They dined on Mars and gazed at the stars
Through the holes in their runcible spoons.
And wing in hoof on the restaurant’s roof
They danced by the light of the moons.

This song was written for and about a couple of my favorite people. There are probably too many in-jokes and obscure references here for it to work for a general audience.

I just hope they don’t kill me.

The discerning reader will note that this song actually makes considerably more sense than the original poem, which I suppose is one of the potential hazards when you try to parody nonsense.

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