

The Art of Courtly Love

Agree or disagree? Have the rules changed or not?

“Courtly love was defined specifically to exclude the kind of affection that can exist between married persons”

There are actually 31 of these rules. Here's a few of them.

Marriage is no real excuse for not loving.

He who is not jealous cannot love.

Love is always a stranger in the home of avarice (greed).

It is not proper to love any woman whom one should be ashamed to seek to marry.

When made public, love rarely endures.

The easy attainment of love makes it of little value; difficulty of attainment makes it prized.

Every lover regularly turns pale in the presence of his beloved.

When a lover suddenly catches sight of his beloved his heart palpitates.

A new love puts to flight an old one.

If love diminishes, it quickly fails and rarely revives.

A man in love is always apprehensive.

Real jealousy always increases the feeling of love.

Jealousy, and therefore love, are increased when one suspects his beloved.

He whom the thought of love vexes, eats and sleeps very little.

A lover can never have enough of the solaces of his beloved.

A slight presumption causes a lover to suspect his beloved.

A true lover is constantly and without intermission possessed by the thought of his beloved.