

Significant other

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You are usually pleased to hear me coming home.
You never ask me where I have been, how much I spent,
Who is on the phone,
Or what's for dinner.
We have the same taste in newspapers,
Though from different angles.
Visitors are tolerated or ignored with discernment.
You usually find the best seats in the house.
Well groomed and it delights me
To share the same address,
I have not forgotten that there is
No obligation for you to stay,
We did not exchange contracts or trinkets:
Should you choose you may leave
At your own chosen pace.
You won't be the last Tom to stray.

