

You're the Top

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At words poetic, I'm so pathetic
That I always have found it best,
Instead of getting 'em off my chest,
To let 'em rest unexpressed,
I hate parading my serenading
As I'll probably miss a bar,
But if this ditty is not so pretty,
At least it'll tell you how great you are

You're the top! Leroy,
You're the Coliseum
You're the top! Oh, baby,
You're the Louvre Museum
You're a melody from a symphony by Strauss!
You're a Bendel bonnet,
A Shakespeare's sonnet,
You're Mickey Mouse! (hahahahaha!)

You're the Nile,
You're the Tower of Pisa,
You're the smile
On the Mona Lisa
I'm a worthless check,
A total wreck,
A flop!
But if, baby, I'm the bottom you're the top!

You're the top, Leroy!
You're Mahatma Gandhi, Hiram!
You're the top!
You're Napoleon Brandy
You're the purple light
Of a summer night in Spain,
You're the National Gallery,
You're Garbo's salary,
You're cellophane!

You're sublime,
You're a turkey dinner!
You're the time,

Of a Derby winner!
I'm a toy balloon that's fated soon to pop!
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,
You're the top!

You're the top!
You're an arrow collar
Leroy, You're the top!
You're a Coolidge dollar,

You're the nimble tread
Of the feet of Fred Astaire,
You're an O'Neill drama,
You're Whistler's mama!
You're camembert

You're a rose,
You're Inferno's Dante,
You're the nose,
On the great Durante
I'm just in the way,
As the French would say,
"de trop"!
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,
You're the top!

You're a Waldorf salad
You're just the top!
You're a Berlin ballad
You're the boats that glide
On the sleepy Zuider Zee,

You're an old Dutch master,
You're Lady Astor,
Baby, you're broccoli!
You're romance,
You're the steppes of Russia,
You're the pants, (purr), on a Roxy usher,

I'm a broken doll, a fol-de-rol, a blop,
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,
But if, baby, I'm the bottom,

You're the top!

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