

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 it 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 - you're the Coliseum
 You're the top -
 Mmm? you're the Louvre museum
 You're a melody from a symphony by Strauss
You're a Bendel bonnet, a Shakespeare sonnet, You're Mickey Mouse
 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, you're Mahatma Ghandi
 You're the top - you are 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 are sublime, you're a turkey dinner
 You're the time - the time of the Derby winner
 I'm a toy balloon that is fated soon to pop
But if baby I'm the bottom, you're the top, topSteve, there is something I got to tell ya
 What is it Judy?
Well, umm? You're the top (I am?) - mmm ? You're a Waldorf salad
 Oh No, no let me say it
You're the top (me too?) - You're a Berlin ballad You're the nimble tread of
 The feet of Fred Astaire
 (Actually I don't dance very well)
You're an O'Neill drama, you're Whistler's Mother -
 Mama (oh), You're Camembert
 You're a rose, (mmm. sweet)
 You're Inferno's Dante
 You're the nose - watch it! I mean
Whatwhatwhawha what- on the great Durante. That's better
I'm the lazy lout who is just about to storm Let's not storm

But if baby I'm the bottom
She's the one for me
And I've got 'im
'Cause if baby I'm the bottom
You're the top

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