

## Movin' On Up

I am reluctant to complain about anything I don't have to shovel but, **Baby**, it's hot out here. The water in this shopping bag is a gallon and once we get home we're going to need to drink the whole thing. The sticks of butter are going to be soft enough to pour into a bowl. The ice cream will be a milkshake and we're going to need to cook all those frozen dinners tonight. **Sweetheart**, these bags are heavy. So why are you over there looking through that glass like we're going to buy something? **Cherry Pie** we've got half-a-gallon of milk in this bag and in an hour it will be sour, so we need to move on down the street so, **Love**, why are you window-shopping? I know you believe that one day we'll be able to afford these things because you aspire to great things and that's why I worked so hard to get you to choose me and I thank you and your judgment. We both believe in being someplace we aren't right now, and I suppose I shouldn't say anything about you looking at the furniture that'll make our home as beautiful as you want it to be and I suppose **Love Dumpling** you're thinking like those folks who believe that prosperity is right around the corner that all we have to do is come up with a great idea some innovation some scheme or some major movement in our jobs that will propel us to seven figure compensation and sound investments or we hit one of those numbers that we never play but just like them we'll need to make sure that the rich keep getting tax breaks because you know one day we're going to be as wealthy as them. Then **Honey Sugar** we'll do our damndest to avoid taxes because the bracket we'll be in will have us paying so much to the government that we'll insist on it shrinking and we'll have to toss a little to some small organization that'll speak for all of us big people and keep our interests in mind while they don't reap anything from us but the same hope we have right now and you know we'll have to stay on guard until that happens because right now we don't look like the majority of them and I suggest we don't really think like they do about the government and the collective pain so many people are bearing so it's going to be a hard row everyday and we'll have to stay sharp but **Honey-Pie** when that day comes and we go to the grocery store we'll have a car which we don't right now which makes carrying these recyclable paper bags that much harder. But go on **Pudding Cup** and throw your dreams through that window with the goals in your heart as big as that car we're going to have so when you're done **Honey Bun** we can go home and drink that water and have dinner and bake a dessert with that sour milk because I'm with you wherever you want to go no matter how hot it gets no matter how cold. I'll even shovel. Oh. No **Baby**...don't go *in*...

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