

# Paying for Dinner at a French Restaurant So You Will Love Me

*by XXXX*

What does she have  
that I don't have  
that I can't buy  
for myself?

Money can buy anything,  
and I have money.

I use money as wallpaper in my house  
just because the banks tell me  
injecting that much into the economy  
will break it.

The bank manager knelt down  
called me sir and kissed my shoe  
just to prevent me from making a deposit.

To buy a Beemer I had to  
tear off a good chunk from the dining room,  
and now there is a hole there  
showing bare plaster.

I bought a human  
and he is in the process of  
lining up dollar bills,  
arranged neatly, side by side,  
until that hole is patched up:

two thousand eyes staring at me  
as I sip smoldering soup:  
the entrails of an endangered species,  
coupled with my tears.

The people on the money  
laugh at me when I look away.  
They don't know I can hear them.

Tell me.

I will buy the Earth  
and have you pay rent  
in kisses.

Either that  
or move to the Sun.

