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A philosophical journey through love's twists and turns from Francis Wolff, a specialist in classical Greco-Roman philosophy.

Love has inspired heartbreaking songs, novels both great and awful alike. Sociologists have had their say; psychologists became the area's undisputed experts. It's high time philosophers took the floor and contributed to the discussion: reflections on the concept of love (concepts supposedly being their field) rather than on love itself (of which they know nothing). Let us set aside, for the moment, all the other serious questions plaguing us: is love lucky or unlucky, admirable or absurd, essential or doomed? Is love the disease or the cure? Needless to say, these questions are important indeed. Still, we must begin at the beginning: "What is love?"

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