

50 Ways to Lose Your Partner
(With apologies to Paul Simon)

“The problem is all inside your head,” he said to me.
“The answer is easy if you take it logically.
So already I was determined to be free.
There must be fifty ways to lose a partner. (1)

He said: “It’s really not my habit to come unglued,
And I hope my meaning will not be misconstrued.
But I’ll repeat myself, not caring if I’m crude”.
There must be fifty ways to lose a partner. (2)

He said: “it would be nice if you’d use your brain
Perhaps I should yell at you once again”
I said: “Please don’t do that or I’ll explain
About the fifty ways to lose a partner (3)

He said: “Why don't we just skip it for tonight
Maybe next time you’ll see the light”
And then he ordered yet one more beer lite
There must be fifty ways to lose a partner. (4)

The hand was over; he pulled out the sheet
And said to me: “Now that’s quite a feat
There are 25 tables and not a pair did we beat”
There must be fifty ways to lose a partner (5)

Again we took the cards out of the board
26 points; I had a hand I ADORED.
Bid a grand, but they led an Ace; it scored!
There must be fifty ways to lose a partner (6)

Twass the last hand of the night
He opened 2C; my hand was a sight
“Pass,” I says , perhaps out of spite?
There must be fifty ways to lose a partner (7)

Just slip out the gate, Kate
Make a new plan, Jan

Don't need to be coy, Joy
Just get yourself free

Hop on the train, Mame
Or catch a plane, Jane
Just don't pay the fee, Lee
And get yourself free

- (1) Moral: Be kind to your partner...no negative criticism
- (2) Moral: Be kind to your partner....no rude behavior
- (3) Moral: Be kind to your partner...no yelling
- (4) Moral: Be kind to your partner...no alcoholic beverages
- (5) Moral: Don't say that was ANOTHER zero pard
- (6) Moral: Don't say that was an unlucky slam...we were off the Ace of trumps.
- (7) Moral: Don't say that's **another** auction I've never had

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