

Me Uncle Dave's a pig farmer.  
Not the sharpest tool in the shed.  
He has a set of wingnut ears  
and hair, what's flaming red.

He's the wrong side of sixty.  
Wouldn't hurt a flea.  
Bur longed for a wife ,  
to keep him company.

He was lonely on the farm.  
There was no-one else around.  
'Cept a mangy brush turkey  
what was building up a mound.

'Kindred souls.' Dave murmured  
'Both single and past our prime'.  
And he watched the mound  
completed  
just in the nick of time.

The turkey's call was answered,  
by females quite divine  
whose eyes popped like organ stops  
at the male bird's *grand design*.

The brush turkey chose his mate.  
then raised a family.  
And Dave in his wisdom thought,  
'Geez- that'd work for me!'

Lickety-split Dave built a palace.  
Up-wind from pigs and swill.  
It had windows on four sides  
and sweet peas on each sill.

Dave splashed his cash on pink  
paint.  
what bejewelled his palace.  
Then knocked girls back, with four  
b' twos'  
till he clapped eyes on Alice.

'Love at first sight.' Said Uncle Dave,

'Alice fusses 'round me house.

Always busy as a beaver.

Ever quiet as a mouse.'

But Dave's bliss was short and  
sweet

Over in a flash.

He soon lost his pride and joy,

his goods, and all his cash.

Alice had sticky fingers.

Shot through like a Bondi tram.

Took everything but the kitchen sink

and sold the pigs for ham.

Me uncle hit the bottle.

Got full as a boot each day.

Flat out like a lizard drinking,

from December through to May.

He moved down to the pig pen.

Boarded up the palace.

He doesn't want to live there.

It's a shrine to Aunty Alice.

When last I visited Uncle Dave

it was raining cats and dogs.

And I found him, crying drunk,

in one of his pig's old bogs.

'Me *grand design*- me palace,

counts for nothing.' Uncle said.

'It aint worth a hill of beans,

without a wife in me bed.'

So, the moral of this story is,

and I mean no harm nor malice.

Don't follow the lead of turkeys.

They've not met a bird like Alice.

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