

I'm looking for a lover
who makes me wanna
whisk milk
crack yolk
sift flour
beat butter
pour batter
grease iron skillet and
drip circles from my spoon
on a Sunday morning
to Smokey and the Temptations
Mary Wells and the Supremes we'll

shoop and shuffle
our way around
the kitchen
to back up baby love *oh baby love*
I need yas *oh oh*
I need yaas
while flames lick steel
(like a heat wave!
burning in my heart)
dropping dirty
dishes in soapy water

I wear his shirt
collar slipshod
on my shoulder
fliptoss
one handed
two handed – clap
spin and floor landed
golden brown
rounds stack
high drizzle
syrup and chocolate sauce
scoop fresh cream
fig jam and pecan
praline or whatever
we feel like

maybe we do the crossword
get stuck
across try
going down
making love
fall asleep to Stevie
this, our *shoo be doo be doo da day*
with maple on our hands
and flour in our hair

oh

MOTOWN

and

PANCAKES

baby

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love



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