

A Love Poem to Berenice's Teeth, from Edgar Allan Poe

Author's Note: Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's short story, "Berenice"

Berenice I confess that I love you
I can't get you off my mind
It's your pearly whites and all they do
They shine, oh my how they shine
It's the same love story
Boy and girl meet
The boy falls in love
Captivated by her teeth
And oh their color
So brilliantly white
At the sight of your smile
My heart sails like a kite
I'm enamored by your enamel
Your dentine is so pristine
From your molars to incisors
You keep them all so clean
Framed between your lips
All as perfect as can be
They make me want to go and get
A dentistry degree
I now declare my undying love
I make you my eternal mate
I promise to be true to you,
And buy you endless Colgate
I pray that you will love me too
And with the same endurance
And that you may always have
Good dental insurance
White drops sent from heaven
But here on this planet
They couldn't be more perfect
God must have planned it
But since you had so many
I took a bunch from you
I left this note, to let you know
Why you are missing a few

Christy Horton