

Love according to wogs*

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Be who we want you to be
and we will love you
Fulfil your womanly duties
pop them out like popcorn
Sacrifice like we sacrificed
and we will love you

We will love you, daughter
We will love you, sister
We will love you, cousin
We will love you

We, are solid, like brick
not like the bloody *Afstrali**
We will overfill you with love
one oily dish at a time

In times of need we help each other
Even when we turn our back
withhold and trap
we are helping, you'll see
(it's the evil eye, she needs blessing)

Listen, we love you:
Honour thy husband
Respect your parents
Clean your house
Take your pills
Be normal
and the rest
will love itself

**Wog*: In Australian English wog was originally a pejorative for Mediterranean migrants, though in recent decades its offensiveness has been defused in certain contexts by common usage in pop-culture produced by the descendants of Mediterranean migrants.

***Afstrali*: The Greek word for 'Australian' used to differentiate a migrant or an Australian-born person descending from migrants from a person born in Australia descending from Anglo-Saxons.