IT'S IN MY PURSE

Of all the words men hate to hear, Coming from their wives so dear; To hear these four, could not be worse, That thing you seek..."It's in my purse."

You pick it up with tender care, That thing you need, you hope is there, You open wide to let in light... But "Oh my word...and awful sight!"

Then after searching through and through, You know her claim just isn't true. You state your doubt: "It's just not there!" And lay it down...her search to dare!

She picks it up and reaches in, Without a look, she starts to grin. She then removes that thing you sought... And what a lesson you've been taught!

Do not go where angels fear; To leave her purse alone is clear! Her system bears an ancient curse... We hate to hear..."It's in my purse!"

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