

A Letter from Lesbia. The poem written by Dorothy Parker was from the point of view of Lesbia. Catullus' poems were always about Lesbia so Parker decided to put Lesbia's point of view. (1) The letter and the poem correspond in the last verse in the letter. (2)

That thing he wrote the time the sparrow died
(o most unpleasant, gloomy, tedious words) (3)
I called it sweet and made believe I cried (4)
The stupid fool! I've always hated birds.

In Catullus' poem he says "Mourn, my girl's sparrow is dead" *Lugete passer mortuus est meae puellae* (5). Catullus really thought Lesbia loved that sparrow but by the last line it is clear she didn't. In this poem it seems like Lesbia is making fun of Catullus' poem (6) where he says "The sparrow whom she loved more than her own eyes" *passer, deliciae meae puellae, quem plus illa oculis suis amabat.* (7)