it never failed to amaze him. just
when he thought he had his life
straightened out, when he was feeling
okay again and maybe even content,
some little sweetheart would suddenly
appear and WHAM ... in love again.

he took it to be his fate. tried
to keep his heart out of it all and
his hand in, but was perpetually
falling in love anyway, like a meteorite
forever falling through space. he
asked himself if he could change; the
answer came back loud and clear: in-
corrigible ... completely hopeless.

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