

continually re-told
from a different slant
or another perspective
none of it ever bores me
and though at times
there are small twinges
of jealousy

 minor barbs
they only add spice
to our lovemaking.

MISSING BETS

of course it's always
the money you might have won
that galls like last week
for though I ended up
a hundred quid better off
I might have won much more

I fancied Lady-Ever-So-Sure
Fire Bay and North Briton
 in the first
decided to bet on the last two
in my reverse-forecast
and Lady-Ever-So-Sure came in
with Fire Bay second

and in another race
in which there were thirty runners
and no clear-cut favourite
 nor form
I did something I rarely do
chose two horses for their names
Nobody's Perfect and Game for a Laugh
and bet each for a one-pound win

outsiders they came in
first and second

 I won 15 pounds
but had I bet them in a forecast
I'd have cleared a hundred
and so I walked home that day
'if onlys' running through my head
faster than any of the horses

— David Tipton

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