

Shatterproof

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I see those newlyweds, their eyes wide and believing
They bill and coo at the mention of Chez Nous
Appearances can be deceiving
It's just a door and a window
Four walls and a roof
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We papered over all the cracks and painted a cat's lick and a promise
The landlord was a man of few words, and most of them were ominous

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It was nothing really to write home about
Then one day it all appears too much
Here comes my little hammer and its shatterproof touch

He said, "Be practical,
These are most unreasonable demands.
Forget about the broken spectacles and the damage to your hand."
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Four walls and a roof
And the doctors say I'm almost shatterproof