

FOOLING YOURSELF

Sweet Baby Love, here's a
Rarely understood function of communication.

When you tell someone what they **should have** done,
You think you're helping them to do it right.
Not so. You're fooling yourself.

You're telling them how you would have done it, better.

SO, what actually transmits is condemnation of the way they did it.
Even your sweetest tones, and the aching kindness of your heart,
Cannot counteract the criticism of your words.

Something else goes on too.

You are also saying that you know the RIGHT way.
Which makes them wrong, *after the fact*.
As mild and goeey as you purr the message,
It is still a scolding for what can't be corrected.
Oh my! Still fooling yourself.

Kinda like the couple who are 300 miles into a vacation.
Almost there, the wife tells the husband,
"You should have turned left out of the driveway to save time."

What's the use of the remark?

A negative comment on what someone else
Has already said or done,
Is always poison to their heart,
And therefore to yours.

Even if pride glows inside
Because you think you helped them,
You're fooling yourself.

