

THE VOWS OF YOUR WEDDING

The marriage of any is a blessing to both,
they reciprocally give to each other.
But the marriage to Christ is of greater import,
as the lesser is lifted up further.

The two become one and the one is united,
the reflection of each is the other.
As grace builds on nature and nature is cleansed
so too is the spouse of This Lover.

The MERITS of Christ are now owned by the spouse,
as true love entitles His bride.
If this partner is true to the calling of love
then the merits of His are applied.

Though it cannot be seen in the temporal sphere
the spiritual UNION increases.
With each movement of love you propose to His Heart
your attachment to creatures decreases.

His Heart is Divine and His Heart is of flesh
it encompasses all that is LOVE.
It rewards all you do when your actions are true
your OBEDIENCE shines forth above.

Your aspirations are such and in line with your vows
which you offer with mindful affection.
He will take all you say, and you think and you do
for HIS WILL, so you have no objection.

In this union we see the wedded pursue
the spiritual instead of the worldly.
Though the worldly can't see how this love is ideal
as their eyes do not lift from the earthly.

As the marriage proceeds His bounty is seen
as the PEACE gently falls on your soul.
His crosses He shares and the weight you will bear
and His palace; your HOPE and your goal.

The Heavenly court is now at your disposal
they are there to assist and attend.
They are in-laws of yours and they pray for your cause
and will all be there as you intend.

You do not leave behind the family you knew
it only expands with this wedding.
The union of all in the end of this life
is the hope of all hope, the new setting.

So carry your cross and seek JUSTICE in all
and your cares will be His own concern.
Love as a CHILD and SERVE in His house
for this you should ardently yearn.

Be at peace with yourself and the others around
you should strive as all PEACEMAKERS do.
For this wedding is real and your life is anew
as you speak the words hidden, "I do".