

MARRIAGE

There's an ecstasy in marriage
that's not measured by the thrill
of a man and woman mating
in hormonal passion's will.

It's not magical attraction
of romantic whim or mood,
nor parental satisfaction
with a healthy growing brood.

These, indeed, are special blessings
from divine creative grace
by which God delights the journey
and survival of our race.

But the secret joy of marriage
is the wedding of two streams
flowing as a single river
through realities and dreams.

It's discovering life richer,
when the body, heart, and mind
lose their loneliness in oneness,
as two souls are intertwined.

It's a mystery of heaven,
a sweet privilege of life,
and I praise our Maker for it
every time I kiss my wife.

— *David L. Hatton, 8/18/2008*