

PROPOSAL

Marriage is the melding of two minds—
a bond to breach the reach of one.
Divorce, of course, divides, unbinds
the woven work by vows begun.

God weaves this wedding metaphor
into His holy harvest plan
to build a Bridal blessing store:
Himself the bridge all gaps to span.

But warring wills withstand His wish
for human union with divine
and dash asunder spousal dish,
forsaking festal bread and wine.

These savor soup in sinful guise
then gulp down death's deep hellish groans.
Lust, lacking love, won't leave the lies
that strip the soul to skin and bones.

But others own His offered Hand,
reply, "I do," receive His ring,
begin the bliss born by that band,
and ever kiss their caring King.

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