READING

John Donne, The Good-Morrow

Read by Jean Holmes

I wonder, by my troth, what thou and I
Did, till we loved? Were we not weaned till then?
But sucked on country pleasures, childishly?
Or snorted we in the Seven Sleepers' den?
'Twas so; but this, all pleasures fancies be.
If ever any beauty I did see,
Which I desired, and got, 'twas but a dream of thee.

And now good-morrow to our waking souls,
Which watch not one another out of fear;
For love, all love of other sights controls,
And makes one little room an everywhere.
Let sea-discoverers to new worlds have gone,
Let maps to other, worlds on worlds have shown,
Let us possess one world, each hath one, and is one.

My face in thine eye, thine in mine appears,
And true plain hearts do in the faces rest;
Where can we find two better hemispheres,
Without sharp north, without declining west?
Whatever dies, was not mixed equally;
If our two loves be one, or, thou and I
Love so alike, that none do slacken, none can die.

THE MARRIAGE VOWS

THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

THE SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE SCHEDULE

Witnesses: Robert Parker Elizabeth Rees

MUSIC DURING THE SIGNING

The Water of Tyne

Performed by Thomas Coltman and Martin Gwilym-Jones

I cannot get to my love, if I would dee,
The water of Tyne runs between him and me;
And here I must stand with a tear in my e'e,
Both sighing and longing my sweetheart to see.

O where is the boatman? my bonny hinny!

O where is the boatman? bring him to me,—

To ferry me over the Tyne to my honey,

And I will remember the boatman and thee.

O bring me a boatman, I'll give any money,
And you for your trouble rewarded shall be,—
To ferry me over the Tyne to my honey,
Or scull him across that rough river to me.

WEDDING BLESSING

Performed by Emma Berry and Ben Young

Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be shelter to the other.

Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other.

Now there will be no loneliness, for each of you will be companion to the other.

Now you are two bodies, but there is only one life before you.

Go now to your dwelling place to enter into the days of your togetherness.

And may your days be good and long upon the earth.