

*The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:*

Chorus

*The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
We gather every day:*

Chorus

*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty,
Who has made all things well:*

Chorus

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PREFACE AND DECLARATIONS

*Will you, the families and friends of Amy and Ben support and uphold
them in their marriage now and in the years to come?*

We will

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READING

1 Corinthians 13

The Revd Robert Langton

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.*

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ADDRESS

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READING

Today

You share today the joy of a deep commitment and a sacred trust. And you have given each other the most precious gift of love.

Treasure it, nurture it and encourage it, with all the honesty you used in creating it.

*You are sharing something rare and beautiful.
Always speak the truth and listen attentively, so that you may understand each other's thoughts and intentions.*

*Inspire each other by sharing accomplishments.
Say I Love You often to retain the warmth between you.*

*Laugh a lot too, even when you are angry.
Remember you are each other's best friend.*

*Stand together and for each other always.
May each day be a blessing and fulfilment of your dreams.*

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THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

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THE VOWS

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THE GIVING OF RINGS

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THE PROCLAMATION

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THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

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HYMN

Lord Of The Dance

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Chorus:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John -
They came with me
And the Dance went on.

Chorus