

# THE PREFACE

## THE DECLARATIONS

### THE MARRIAGE

#### Second Hymn:

*One More Step Along the World I Go*

#### Sung By All:

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go.  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you.

#### Chorus

And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn.  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.

#### Chorus

As I travel through the bad and good  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

#### Chorus

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

#### Chorus

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

#### Chorus

## Poetry Reading:

*'Rapture'* by Carol Ann Duffy *Read by Chrissie*

Thought of by you all day, I think of you.  
The birds sing in the shelter of a tree.  
Above the prayer of rain, unacred blue,  
not paradise, goes nowhere endlessly.  
How does it happen that our lives can drift  
far from our selves, while we stay trapped in time,  
queuing for death? It seems nothing will shift  
the pattern of our days, alter the rhyme  
we make with loss to assonance with bliss.  
Then love comes, like a sudden flight of birds  
from earth to heaven after rain. Your kiss,  
recalled, unstrings, like pearls, this chain of words.  
Huge skies connect us, joining here to there.  
Desire and passion on the thinking air.

## Bible Readings

*(1 Corinthians Chapter 13)*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.**

*Read by Reverend Maxine Waller*

*Ecclesiastes chapter 4 verse 9 - 12:*

**Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

**Read by Gerhard**

**THE ADDRESS**

*Reverend Maxine Waller*

**Third Hymn:**

*He's Got The Whole World in His Hands*

**Sung By All**

**(Refrain) He's got the whole world in His hands...  
He's got the whole wide world in His hands.  
He's got the whole world in His hands...  
He's got the whole world, in His hands.**

**He's got the wind and the rain in His hands...  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands...  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

### **Refrain**

**He's got the tiny little baby in His hands...  
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands.  
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands...  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

### **Refrain**

**He's got you and me, brother, in His hands...  
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.  
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands...  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

### **Refrain**

**He's got you and me, sister, in His hands...  
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands.  
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands...  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

### **Refrain**

**He's got everybody here in His hands...  
He's got everybody here in His hands.  
He's got everybody here in His hands...  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**