

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;

I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame;  
The holy people  
Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there  
On a Cross to die;

I danced on a Friday  
When the sky turned black –  
It's hard to dance  
With the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
And they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance,  
And I still go on;

They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he;

## **FIRST READING**

Love Me When I'm Old by Bee Rawlinson  
Read by Mary Swan (Gem's Godmother)

## **THE PREFACE**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

Will you, the families and friends of Daniel and Gemma support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

**All: We will**

## **THE COLLECT**

God our Father, from the beginning  
you have blessed creation with abundant life.  
Pour out your blessings upon Daniel and Gemma,  
that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship,  
in holiness and commitment to each other.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **SECOND READING**

He Never Leaves The Seat Up by Anon  
Read by Adam Stephenson

### **THIRD READING**

Corinthians 13:4-8

Read by Magda Porritt (Dan's Grandma)

### **THE ADDRESS**

### **THE VOWS**

### **THE GIVING OF THE RINGS**

### **THE PROCLAMATION**

In the presence of God, and before this congregation,  
Daniel and Gemma have made their marriage vows to each other.

They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands  
and by the giving and receiving of rings.

I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.  
Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

### **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for you have created joy and gladness,  
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.

Pour out the abundance of your blessing  
upon Daniel and Gemma in their new life together.  
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts  
and a crown upon their heads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship;  
awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet  
where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord of life and love.

**All: Hear Our Prayer**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?