

## Lord And Lover Of Creation

Tune: Westminster Abbey

Lord and lover of creation,  
bless the marriage witnessed now:  
sign of lives no longer separate,  
sealed by symbol, bound by vow,  
celebrating love's commitment made  
to live and last and grow.

Praise and gratitude we offer,  
for the past which shaped today.  
Words which stirred and deepened conscience,  
family life, good company,  
friends who touched and summoned talent,  
nourished all words can't convey.

On your children wed and welcome  
here among us, we request  
health in home and hearts, and humour  
through which heaven and earth are blessed;  
open doors and human pleasure,  
time for touch and trust and rest.

Take them hence that, in each other,  
love fulfilling love shall find  
much to share and more to treasure,  
such that none dare break or bind  
those your name has joined together,  
one in body, heart and mind.

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