

# *A Permanent Bond of Love*

It is one of life's richest surprises when the accidental meeting of two life paths lead them to proceed together along the common path as husband and wife. It is one of life's finest experiences when a casual relationship grows into a permanent bond of love. This meeting and this growth bring us together

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, will you take vows here before all of us which symbolize the manifested vows you have already made and will continue to make to each other throughout your lives?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: We will.

\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat these vows to \_\_\_\_\_:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
As my friend and love,  
Beside me and apart from me,  
In laughter and in tears,  
In conflict and tranquility,  
Asking that you be no other than yourself,  
Loving what I know of you,  
Trusting what I do not yet know,  
In all the ways that life may find us.

\_\_\_\_\_, it is now your turn to repeat these same vows to \_\_\_\_\_:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
As my friend and love,  
Beside me and apart from me,  
In laughter and in tears,  
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Do you have rings?

The circle is the symbol of the sun, earth, and universe. It is the symbol of peace. Let this ring be the symbol of unity and peace in which your two lives are joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever you go, return unto one another and to your togetherness.

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger and say to her these words:

I give you this ring  
to wear upon your hand  
as a symbol of our unity  
and steadfast love.

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger and say to him these words:

I give you this ring  
to wear upon your hand  
as a symbol of our unity  
and steadfast love.

You are mature people who have established individual patterns of living. Yet you have found not only a need for companionship, but the satisfaction of that need in each other's company. It is this love, based upon a responsible understanding, which will aid you in creating out of your two lives, a marriage and a happiness you will share together. Stand fast in hope and confidence, believing in yourself and believing in each other.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in matrimony, and have promised your love for each other by these vows, I now declare you to be Husband and Wife!

Congratulations, you may seal your love with a kiss!