

# **THIS MARRIAGE**

*by Rumi*

May these vows and this marriage be blessed.  
May this marriage be as sweet as milk and honey,  
May this marriage be as intoxicating as old wine,  
May this marriage be fruitful like the date palm,  
    May this marriage be full of laughter,  
        and everyday a paradise.  
    May this marriage be a seal of compassion,  
        for here and hereafter.  
May this marriage have a fair face and a good name,  
    May this marriage be as welcome as the  
        full moon in the night sky.  
    Listen lovers, now you go on,  
as I become silent and kiss this blessed night.