

As We Stand Here

As we stand here together
I could never have guessed
After all of these years
I'd be so very blessed

I dreamed of a man
who would love me for me
And let me become
who I wanted to be

Someone with goals
& who knew his own mind
Someone soft spoken,
courageous & kind

Someone with whom
I could share & be real
Someone with whom
it was safe to just . . . *feel*

I imagined a sweetheart
who shared my heart's dream
Who wanted, as I do
to be our own team

I longed for a love
who would stand by my side
Who'd be ally, friend, lover,
protector & guide

I yearned for a partner
to whom I could turn
For assurance & comfort
from whom I could learn

I envisioned a life-mate
with whom I could win . . .
Take my hand, my sweet love
let the marriage begin!



Prison Love

(This bride wanted a humorous touch!)

I dreamed of the day
when we'd stand side by side
When I'd say "I Do"
& become your new bride

Through struggles & challenges,
it's been quite a ride
Worth every shared hurdle
we somehow survived

So now that we're here
in this moment, anew
Now that it's real
& it's just me & you

I say to you now
with a heart all aglow . . .
You're the love of my life,
this surely, you know

Forever is too short
to express how I feel
To keep letting you know
that my love is for real

Never doubt for a moment
the love I do hold
And oh yes, I'm so grateful
that you got . . . *paroled!*



A Simple Vow

From that very first moment
when you stepped on my feet
There was something about you
so charming & sweet

The way you saw through me
I knew it was real
I loved how you looked
& how you made me feel

My gratitude is boundless
my awe, unsurpassed
My devotion un-paralleled,
my love for you, vast

I'll nurture & share
& I'll be there for you
My heart is on fire
I do, baby, I do!



Groom's Vows

Katharine,

I know that I breathed you into being...and so does my heart, because the instant I saw you, standing on that train platform, your hair tousled from the wind, ever so slightly out of breath from trying to balance too many shopping bags...

it recognized you -
as *itself* -
& melted...
& has *remained* melted, ever since.

I fell *more* in love with you over our first coffee date, then even *more* when we held hands as we strolled thru that little gem of a town upstate, (remember?) and more *still*, when we shared our first kiss (under the clocktower).

With our every adventure, from cooking together, tearing up at the same movies, rooting for the same teams, loving the same restaurants, overcoming obstacles, sharing a similar, off-beat sense of humor & our mutual love of surprises...
the more time we spent together, the more I understood what all those love songs meant...for *me*, they meant *you*.

You are everything I ever dreamed I could want for a life partner...
an intelligent & compassionate friend, trusted confidante, caring

