

## Do Us Part

To marry have and hold  
is traditional choice  
to sow one's seed  
though this day  
many simply live together  
share the rent  
and bare their need

Dress and ceremony  
beyond designer jeans  
no longer is it an end  
to virginity and innocence  
that little bird has  
long since flown  
from its fence

A bride is kin to be  
held and kept warm  
Earthman now a groom  
a lackey without sword  
reduced by word to  
servant class  
instead of a stately lord.

Maids and men stand up  
to serve in ancient roles  
gathered in sylvan glade  
a bride and groom  
in stately dress now  
become ones obeyed

Ushers quietly seat  
to be related men  
both brave and meek  
unlike the digital band  
with roaring sounds  
of MIDI files  
by a computer geek

The mother of the bride  
her husband  
his children  
the father of the bride  
his wife  
her children  
sitting side by side

Parents of the groom  
appearing mature  
and smart  
are seated together  
after having lived  
many years apart

Vows of solemnity  
in behalf of each  
to create a valid start  
to trust and cherish  
until lawyers do them part

Marriage has a chance  
this day even though  
the word forever  
has been reduced  
to at least a year or better

Death has little opportunity  
with marriage anymore  
I think it has difficulty  
just keeping score