

## WRITINGS ABOUT LOVE AND MARRIAGE:

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE;

Doubt thou the stars are fire,  
Doubt that the sun doth move,  
Doubt truth to be a liar,  
But never doubt I love. (From *Hamlet*)

ROBERT BURNS

O, my luvie is like a red, red rose  
That's newly sprung in June.  
O, my luvie is like the melodie  
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE:

What else is love but understanding and rejoicing in the fact that another person lives, acts and experiences otherwise than we do?

CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE:

Who ever lov'd, that lov'd not at first sight!

ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

I hold it true, whate'er befall;  
I feel it, when I sorrow most;  
'Tis better to have loved and lost  
Than never to have loved at all. (From *In Memoriam*)

THOMAS MOORE

There's nothing half so sweet in life  
As love's young dream.

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS:

I think a man and a woman should choose each other for life, for the simple reason that a long life with all its accidents is barely enough time for a man and a woman to understand each other and....to understand—is to love.

EDGAR ALLAN POE

Thou wast all that to me, love;

For which my soul did pine:  
A green isle in the sea, love,  
A fountain and a shrine. (From *To One in Paradise*)

VON MUNCH-BELLINGHAUSEN

Two souls with but a single thought,  
Two hearts that beat as one.

MARK TWAIN:

Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTER

But love has never known a law  
Beyond its own sweet will!

WINSTON CHURCHILL:

A family starts with a young man falling in love with a girl. No superior alternative has been found.

My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.

ROBERT BROWNING:

Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be—the last of life for which the first was made.

GEORGE ELIOT:

I like not only to be loved, but to be told that I am loved; the realm of silence is large enough beyond the grave.

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?

ERMA BOMBECK:

For years my wedding ring has done its job. It has led me not into temptation. It has reminded my husband numerous times at parties that it's time to go

home. It has been a source of relief to a dinner companion. It has been a status symbol in the maternity ward.

MARTIN LUTHER:

Let the wife make her husband glad to come home and let him make her sorry to see him leave.

MARCELINE DESBORDES-VALMORE:

Are we not like two volumes of one book?

GEORGE MACDONALD:

One of the good things that comes of a true marriage is that there is one face on which changes come without your seeing them; or rather there is one face which you can still see the same, through all the shadows which years have gathered upon it.

HOMER:

There is nothing more admirable than two people who see eye-to-eye keeping house as man and wife, confounding their enemies, and delighting their friends.

OVID:

Love is no assignment for cowards.

ANDRE MAUROIS:

A happy marriage is a long conversation which always seems too short.

WILLIAM PENN:

Between a man and his wife nothing ought to rule but love.

HONORE DE BALZAC:

Marriage must constantly fight against a monster which devours everything routine.

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE:

What a happy and holy fashion it is that those who love one another should rest on the same pillow.

LEO TOLSTOY:

What counts in making a happy marriage is not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility.

ROSE PASTOR STOKES

Some pray to marry the man they love,  
My prayer will somewhat vary:  
I humbly pray to Heaven above  
That I love the man I marry. (From *My Prayer*)

OGDEN NASH:

To keep your marriage brimming  
With love in the loving cup,  
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;  
Whenever you're right, shut up.

HELEN KELLER:

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE:

The sum which two married people owe to one another defies calculation. It is an infinite debt, which can only be discharged through eternity.

Nothing is worth more than this day.

MARC CHAGALL:

In our life, there is a single color, as on a artist's palette, which provides the meaning of life and art. It is the color of love.

QUEEN VICTORIA:

"...His love and gentleness is beyond everything, and to kiss that dear soft cheek, to press my lips to his, is heavenly bliss. I feel a purer, more unearthly feeling than I ever did. Oh! Was ever woman so blessed as I am. " (Written on the second day of her marriage to Prince Albert)

ARISTOTLE:

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

ROBERT HERRICK:

So let our love  
As endless prove,  
And pure as gold forever.

EMILY BRONTE:

Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are one.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU:

There is no remedy for love but to love more.

LYDIA M. CHILD:

The cure for all ills and wrongs, the care, the sorrows and the crimes of humanity all lie in one word: Love.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH:

There is comfort in the strength of love;  
'Twill make a thing endurable, which else would  
overset the brain or break the heart.

AESOP:

Union gives strength.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN:

A single man has not nearly the value he would have in a state of union. He is an incomplete animal. He resembles the odd half of a pair of scissors.

OSCAR WILDE:

Who, being loved, is poor?

THE BIBLE:

Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Philippians 2:2)

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Luke, 12:34)

For two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. (I Thessalonians 5:11)

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow. (Book of Common Prayer)

What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (New Testament; Matthew, XIX, 6)

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. (Old Testament, Genesis, II, 24)

#### THE TALMUD

And if not now, when?

#### ANONYMOUS:

Love can cure heartbreaks, misfortune or tragedy. It is the eternal companion.

My true love hath my heart and I have his.

It's love, it's love that makes the world go round.