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Marriage Hymns.

The small figures immediately after the large ones show the number in
"HYMNS OF LIGHT & LOVE."

1 (293) 77 77.

GREAT the joy when Christians meet!
Christian fellowship how sweet,
When, our theme of praise the same,
We exalt JEHOVAH'S name!

Sing we then eternal love,
Such as did the FATHER move;
He beheld the world undone,
Loved the world, and gave His SON.

Sing the SON'S unbounded love,
How He left the realms above,
To rejoin the FATHER'S side
With a blood-bought, spotless Bride.

Sing we too the SPIRIT'S love,
With our stubborn hearts He strove;
He revealed the SON of GOD,
And the value of His blood.

Sweet the thought, exceeding sweet—
We shall soon in glory meet,
Where, the Saviour still the theme,
We shall ever sing of Him.

2 (561) (*Aurelia, S.S. 703*) 76 76 D.

OFATHER, all-creating,
Whose wisdom, love and power
First bound two lives together
In Eden's primal hour.
To-day to these Thy children
Thine earliest gifts renew—
A home by Thee made happy,
A love by Thee kept true!

O SAVIOUR, Guest most bounteous
Of old in Galilee,
Vouchsafe to-day Thy presence
With those who call on Thee;
Their store of earthly gladness
Transform to heavenly wine,
And teach them, in the tasting,
To know the gift as Thine!

O SPIRIT of the FATHER,
Breathe on them from above,
So mighty in Thy pureness,
So tender in Thy love,
That, guarded by Thy presence,
From sin and strife kept free,
Their lives may own Thy guidance,
Their hearts be ruled by Thee!

Except Thou build it, FATHER,
The house is built in vain;
Except Thou, SAVIOUR, bless it,
The joy will turn to pain;
But nought can break the union
Of hearts in Thee made one,
And love Thy SPIRIT hallows
Is endless love begun.

3 (559) (*Stella*) 88 88 88.

O GOD, who didst an equal mate
For Adam of himself create—
Flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone,
That both might feel and love as one—
Make these Thy children one in heart:
Whom Thou dost join let no man part!

LORD of the Church, whose bleeding
side
Gave life to Thy redeemed Bride,
Whose grace, through every member
spread,
Joins the whole body to its Head,
Oh, let Thy love the model be
Of this their nuptial unity!

O Thou, who once, a Guest divine,
Didst turn the water into wine,
Thy presence, not unsought, afford;
Fill Thou their cup and bless their
board,
And, while each heart Thy word obeys,
May all their joy be turned to praise!

4 (564) *T.—Kocher.* † 76 76.

LORD GOD, Thou didst in Eden
Lead up to Adam's side,
On that glad, nuptial morning,
The first and fairest bride.

As hand joined hand, so truly
In heart Thou mad'st them one,
While Thine own voice upon them
Breathed blessing from Thy Throne.

Now let that bridal blessing
Rest on this happy pair,
Who promise here together
Life's joys and griefs to share,

Until the Heavenly Bridegroom
Shall bid each be His guest,
To join the "called and chosen"
At His own marriage feast.

5 (562) (*Sawley, S.S. 633*) O.M.

SINCE Thou, LORD JESUS, didst appear,
To grace a marriage feast,
We now would ask Thy presence here,
'To make this wedding blest.

Upon the bridal pair look down,
Who now are plighting hands;
Their union with Thy favour crown,
And bless their nuptial bands.

With gifts of grace their hearts endow,
Of all rich dowries best;
Their substance bless, and peace bestow,
To sweeten all the rest.

In purest love their souls unite,
That they, with tender care,
May make domestic burdens light,
By taking mutual share.

And looking to their heavenly home,
May trials by the way
But make them long for Thee to come,
Thy glory to display!

6 (560) (*Whitburn, S.S. 617*) L.M.

O LORD, when Thou didst man create,
Thou didst ordain the marriage state;
And here we learn that mystery—
The union of the Church with Thee.

With grace of life, and love divine,
Upon this union deign to shine,
That hand and heart may faithful prove
In duties, prayers, and mutual love.

7 (565) (*Angelus, S.S. 626*) L.M.

THIS marriage union now complete,
The twain are one in wedlock sweet;
Oh, guide them, FATHER, with Thine eye,
Until they reach their home on high!

Help them unitedly to shine,
To shed around a light divine,
And may their mutual prayers arise
Like holy incense to the skies.

Grant that their earthly home may be,
Like that of old at Bethany,
Filled with the perfume of true love,
Which has its source in heaven above.

A sanctuary may it be,
From strife and discord ever free
A consecrated, happy place,
Adorned by every Christian grace.

These twain as one we now commend
To Thine own love, which knows no end;
Be Thou their joy in brightest day,
And through night's gloom their light and stay.

8 (563) (*Pleyel, S.S. 232*) 77 77.

FATHER, let Thy heavenly grace
Rest upon us in this place;
Sanction what hath now been done—
Let these twain be truly one:

One in sickness, one in health,
One in poverty or wealth;
And, as year rolls after year,
Each to other still more dear;

One in purpose, one in heart,
Never from Thyself to part;
Soon, around Thy throne to be
One for ever, LORD, with Thee.

9 (566) (*Bradley Church*) 886 D.

IN holy ties together bound,
With GOD's own benediction crowned,
May this new-wedded pair
With happy hearts their pathway take,
Resolved to live for JESU's sake,
His easy yoke to bear.

Their joy is ours, we raise the voice;
With those rejoicing we rejoice,
According to His will
Who sanctified a marriage feast
By His own presence as a Guest,
And who is with us still.

May GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON,
With GOD the SPIRIT, Three in One,
A triune blessing give,
And speed the LAMB'S great nuptial day,
When we together, caught away,
With Him shall ever live.

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