

## **HOW BEAUTIFUL THE MARRIAGE BOND**

*Written in honor of Harold and Margaret Reese  
for their fiftieth wedding anniversary, August 17, 1982  
by their son James*

How beautiful the marriage bond  
Where Jesus Christ is Lord;  
Where two hearts, joined in holy love,  
Are one in sweet accord.

How durable the marriage bond  
By god's Word held secure;  
They alter not the altar's vow,  
But keep it faithful, pure.

What mystery that troth reveals  
-- When faith and love abide --  
Of Christ, Who purchased with His blood  
The Church to be His Bride.

How blest are children of that bond  
Where Christ the Lord they see;  
Where parents follow Jesus' Way  
And say, 'Come, walk with me.'

Lord, sanctify each marriage bond  
That all the world may view  
In acts of love and words of grace  
Our praise, Great God, to You.

*(May be sung to the tune of Belmont.)*