

## **THESE TWENTY YEARS**

These twenty years have all too quickly flown  
Since you and I declared our marriage vow  
To walk together through the great unknown.

Yet not unknown, for Christ we know Who now  
And always promises to go before,  
To show the way and answer why and how.

In youthful zeal we hastened to explore  
The deeper truths, the higher goals, the will  
Of Him Whose fond perfections we adore.

No fruitless search was that, for though we still  
Are on that blest pursuit, yet we have found  
His daily portion more than meets our fill.

As planets orb the sun in duteous round,  
By power unseen controlled through time and space,  
So we by Him are drawn by love profound.

Reflecting borrowed glory from His face,  
Thus found we each the other, and His heart  
Willed sweet conjunction, magnifying grace.

These twenty years now gone are but the start  
Of life and love that He has sown and grown  
Till perfect at the Throne we stand – His art.

*Written to Adrienne  
On our twentieth wedding anniversary  
By Jim Reese, June 15, 1977*