Suggested Renewal of Vows Ceremony Readings

A Love Like No Other

I never felt a love
Like this before
It's a love like no other
Something I have always hoped for

A love with friendship
Humour and heart
A bond so strong
It would never part

A love that makes you smile
From ear to ear
A love that is joyful
Without any fear

A love that is beautiful
From the inside out
A love with no tears,
Pain, or doubt

A love with soul
So tender and true
A love that I have found
Only in you...

Author Unknown

We have lived and loved

We have lived and loved together
Through many changing years,
We have shared each other's gladness
And wept each other's tears.
And let us hope the future,
As the past has been will be:
I will share with you my sorrows
And you your joys with me.

Charles Jefferys
What is love

Sooner or later we begin to understand that love is more than verses on valentines and romance in the movies.

We begin to know that love is here and now, real and true, the most important thing in our lives.

For love is the creator of our favourite memories and the foundation of our fondest dreams.

Love is a promise that is always kept, a fortune that can never be spent, a seed that can flourish in even the most unlikely of places.

And this radiance that never fades, this mysterious and magical joy, is the greatest treasure of all one known only by those who love.

Anon

Love is a great thing

Love is a great thing, yea, a great and thorough good. By itself it makes that is heavy light; and it bears evenly all that is uneven. It carries a burden which is no burden; it will not be kept back by anything low and mean; it desires to be free from all worldly affections, and not to be entangled by any outward prosperity, or by any adversity subdued. Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility. It is therefore able to undertake all things, and it completes many things, and warrants them to take effect, where he who does not love would faint and lie down. Though weary, it is not tired; though pressed it is not straightened; though alarmed, it is not confounded; but as a living flame it forces itself upwards and securely passes through all. Love is active and sincere, courageous, patient, faithful, prudent and manly.

Thomas A Kempis (1379-1471)
True love

True love is a sacred flame
That burns eternally,
And none can dim its special glow
Or change its destiny.
True love speaks in tender tones
And hears with gentle ear,
True love gives with open heart
And true love conquers fear.
True love makes no harsh demands
It neither rules nor binds,
And true love holds with gentle hands
The hearts that it entwines.

Author Unknown

The Key to Love

The key to love is understanding.
The ability to comprehend not only the spoken word
But those unspoken gestures,
The little things that say so much by themselves.
The key to love is forgiveness.
To accept each other's faults and pardon mistakes
Without forgetting, but with remembering
What you learn from them.
The key to love is sharing.
Facing your good fortune as well as the bad, together.
Both conquering problems, forever searching for ways
To intensify your happiness
The key to love is giving.
Without thought of return,
But with the hope of just a simple smile
And by giving in but never giving up.
The key to love is respect.
Realising that you are two separate people with different ideas.
That you don't belong to each other,
You belong with each other, and share a mutual bond.
The key to love is inside us all.
It takes time and patience to unlock all the ingredients.
It is the continual learning process that demands a lot of work.
But the rewards are more than worth the effort.
And that is the key to love!

Author Unknown
Because

Because we have things in common
We have the joy of sharing them;
Because we are so different
There is much we can learn from each other.
Because we are in love
We look for the good in each other.
Because we are forgiving
We overlook the faults in each other.
Because we have faith
We believe in the best for the future.
Because we are honest
We find comfort in trusting each other.
Because we are filled with loyalty
We know that each will always be there.

Ceremony Reading - I love you because
I love you because you're my future
My present and part of my past
My world has been turning so quickly
And time just keeps moving so fast!
I love you because you have something
No ordinary person could give
Warmth that I'll cling onto forever
Hold onto as long as I live.
I love you because your devotion
Is tender and wonderfully rare;
And no one could ever imagine
The magical moments we share.
I love you because you are truthful
Your eyes hold a key to my heart
I know that you share my commitment
And we know that we never shall part.
I love you because you are wonderful
And you give to me all that I need
A hug when I seek reassurance
And a smile when we've disagreed.
I love you because – I just love you
For too many reasons to say
And I'll always be right here beside you
A breath and a heartbeat away.

Anon
Eskimo Love Song

You are my husband [wife]
My feet shall run because of you
My feet dance because of you
My heart shall beat because of you
My eyes see because of you
My mind thinks because of you
And I shall love because of you.

Author Unknown

These I can promise

I cannot promise you a life of sunshine;
I cannot promise riches, wealth, or gold;
I cannot promise you an easy pathway,
That leads away from change or growing old.
But I can promise all my heart's devotion;
A smile to chase away your tears of sorrow;
A love that's ever true and ever growing;
A hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow.

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