

For Marriage

**As spring unfolds the dream of the earth,
May you bring each other's hearts to birth.**

**As the ocean finds calm in view of land,
May you love the gaze of each other's mind.**

**As the wind arises free and wild,
May nothing negative control your lives.**

**As kindly as moonlight might search the dark,
So gentle may you be when light grows scarce.**

**As surprised as the silence that music opens,
May your words for each other be touched with
reverence.**

**As warmly as the air draws in the light,
May you welcome each other's every gift.**

**As elegant as dream absorbing the night,
May sleep find you clear of anger and hurt.**

**As twilight harvests all the day's color,
May love bring you home to each other.**

**John O'Donohue
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