## ENGAGEMENT

It's a long, long engagement Nearly two-thousand years. No longer engagement The earth knows of nears.

The Bridegroom has labored His light grown brighter. He has waited so long To love and delight her.

The Bride too has waited As the day slowly nears Not knowing the time When her Lover appears.

The clouds are now parting
There's a glimmer in the east
The wicked departing
Their protests have ceased.

The lamps have been lit now In the heavens' dark sea The Virgins will bear them To the beautiful Tree.

Starlight in its bowers
The Bridegroom waits beside
The avenue of flowers
The Stream at His side.

Here too is bloodshed From deep painful wounds That purchased from cowards His Wife from their tombs.

Here she stands beside Him Radiant with Joy She's walked in His Light Though darkness annoy.

Oh, florious delight!

The Love in His eyes!

That conquered all death 
The darkness that dies!

"Oh, my merciful Lord!
Oh, my wonderful King!
The Heavens declare you
And everything sings!"

"Oh, my beloved Bride!
Oh, my beautiful Wife!
Let us go to the fields
Of My eternal Life."

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