

DO NOT MARRY FOR LOVE

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Like the tide, love flows and ebbs.
Like a selfish toddler, it's never satisfied.
Like a fire, fuel spent, it dies out.

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Like a fever, love will overcome you.
Like the awe of Christmas time
When only the wrappings remain.

Marry her for the light in her eyes,
The reflection of the sun through her hair,
Her intoxicating smell, her beguiling smile.
Marry her for the shape of her hands.

Marry her for the tip of her nose,
Marry her for the warmth in her voice,
Marry her because you match,
Because she is strong.

Then comes love
That knows neither tide nor season,
That will not go away, that needs no stoking,
And blankets the soul like a snowy benediction.