

A June Wedding

(By Edwin E. Kinney)

The afternoon was wearing low,
 Just when the mildest breezes blow,
 When men's and Nature's dronings blend
 And stars are waiting to descend.
 What saw I from my shady bower?
 It was the roses' wedding hour.
 I saw them all in gay attire,
 But there was two to most admire:
 One wore a little lighter dress;
 Both faces beamed with happiness,
 I looked around the priest to see,
 And there came he, a honey bee.
 He hummed the service solemn, old,
 And gave the bride some beads of gold;
 While each rose nodded the "I will".
 When everything was hushed and still,
 A summer breeze came 'round to greet,
 And made their smiling face meet.
 Then did they give the nuptial kiss;
 And in the moment of their bliss,
 Both roses blushed a deeper red,
 While they a richer fragrance shed.

Only That which made us, meant us to be mightier by and by,
 Set the sphere of all the boundless Heavens within the human
 eye,

Sent the shadow of Himself, the boundless, thro' the human
 soul;
 Boundless inward, in the atom, boundless outward, in the
 Whole.

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