

O God, Bestow Your Love and Care

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Unison Eb Bb7sus4 Eb Bb7sus4

1. O God, be - stow your love and care
 2. U - nite this lov - ing cou - ple here,
 3. Re - move the stum - bling blocks they face
 4. U - ni - ted now in heart and mind,

up - on this new - ly mar - ried pair, who here their faith and
 who choose each oth - er with - out fear, in front of all who
 from those who would de - ny your grace up - on their un - ion
 may they re - mem - ber to be kind, who dai - ly on love's

trust de - clare. Be with them, God, we pray.
 hold them dear. Be with them, God, we pray.
 in this place. Be with them, God, we pray.
 feast have dined. Be with them, God, we pray.

Eb Bb7sus4 Fm7 Bb7 Eb Ab

Eb/G Cm7 Fm7 Bb7sus4 Eb

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MARRIAGE HYMN
8.8.8.6.

This hymn was composed in response to the challenge of a pastor friend to write a hymn for the wedding of a same-sex couple. It would be appropriate as well for the ceremony of any couple along the LGBTQIAA continuum. It won the 2015 hymn contest of Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul, MN, for “a hymn that celebrates language of love, inclusiveness, commitment, and the love God has for the union of all people regardless of gender.”

Scriptures: Gal. 5:22; I Jn 4:7-21

Theme: Wedding of a couple from the LGBTQ community

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