

A PSALM FOR A 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
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Lord,
It's much clearer now—
thirty or forty years later—
at what cost
these children of yours—
Mom and Dad to me—
have kept the faith.

I didn't know back then
what it meant
to leave tangible security
and step out onto unseen certainties
to resist the counsel of peers
in order to walk in the counsel of your Word,
to persevere "till death do us part"
when such living required so much dying.
Lord, it's much clearer now.

Back then I never knew
the pressure of bills I could not pay
the weariness of labor deep into the night
the empty-armed longing for loved ones out of reach
the loneliness of your calling, Lord.
I never knew...
But now I do
and will myself endure
patiently, tirelessly, fervently,
when I see clearly
and when I don't,
For Lord,
they taught me how!
And for this I honor them today
And gratefully sing your praise.

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