Eric Whitacre

This Marriage

Jalal al-Din Rumi

SATB a cappella

commissioned by Azusa Pacific University
for The APU Chamber Singers, Michelle Jensen, conductor

THIS MARRIAGE

for Hila on our seventh anniversary

for SATB chorus *a cappella*

RUMI

ERIC WHITACRE

Senza misura, Freely and Tenderly

SOPRANO: May these vows and this mar-riage be____ bless-ed.

ALTO: May these vows and this mar-riage be bless-ed.

TENOR: May these vows and this mar-riage be bless-ed.

BASS: May these vows and this mar-riage be bless-ed.

PIANO *for rehearsal only*

May it be sweet____ milk, like wine and hal-vah.

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May it be sweet milk, like wine and hal-vah.

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May this mar-riage of - fer fruit and shade like the date palm.

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May this mar-riage of - fer fruit and shade like the date palm.

mf

May this mar-riage be full of laugh - ter,

mf

May this mar-riage be full of laugh - ter,

mf

May this mar-riage be full of laugh - ter,

mf

May this mar-riage be full of laugh - ter,

our eve - ry day a day in par - a - dise.

our eve - ry day a day in par - a - dise.

our eve - ry day a day in par - a - dise.

our eve - ry day a day in par - a - dise.

May this mar - riage be a sign of com - pas - sion,

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May this mar - riage be a sign of com - pas - sion,

May this mar - riage be a sign of com - pas - sion,

no fnd

a seal of hap-pi-ness, here and here - af - ter.

a seal of hap-pi-ness, here and here - af - ter.

a seal of hap-pi-ness, here and here - af - ter.

a seal of hap-pi-ness, here and here - af - ter.

legat

May this mar-riage have a fair face and a good name,

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May this mar-riage have a fair face and a good name,

volume same

an o-men as wel-comes the moon in a clear blue sky.

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an o-men as wel-comes the moon in a clear blue sky.

p

I am out of words to de-scribe how spi-rit min-gles in this

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mar-riage. ah_____ ooh_____

mar-riage. ah_____ ooh_____

mar-riage. ah_____ ooh_____

mar-riage. ah_____ ooh_____

ooh_____

ooh_____

ooh_____

ooh_____