



*Celebrating the Marriage of*

VAIJAYANTHIMALA

&

VEGAVAHINI

SUNDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND TWO

THE SEATTLE AQUARIUM

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

OFFICIATOR  
Vijayalakshmi Nagarajan

PRIEST  
Local Pundit

PARENTS  
M.M. Subramaniam (*Vega's father*)  
Pichammal Nagarajan (*Mala's mother*)

FLOWER GIRLS  
Jaya and Uma Nagarajan-Swenson

RINGBEARER  
Sahana Narayanan

BEST WOMAN  
Usha Narayanan

BEST MAN  
Sriram Subramaniam

CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS  
Lee Swenson, Unni Narayanan

## *The Ceremony*

*Conducted by Vijayalakshmi*

INVOCATION AND BLESSING OF ANCESTORS

ARATI  
Local Pundit, Pichammal Nagarajan

READING  
M.M. Subramaniam

MALAI MATTRAL  
*The Exchange of Garlands and Rings*

MANGALYA DHARANAM  
*The Blessing of the Families*

SAPTHAPATHI  
*The Seven Steps*  
*The Exchange of Vows*

PRADHANA HOMAM/AGNI SAAKSHI  
*Unity Candle Lighting*

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

CLOSING

# To Vega ூ Mala

By Appa / Mama

அன்பென்பது யாது என வினவினில்  
அத்தலை முனிவன் வாக்கே மிக சாலது  
என்பதிறிந்து அம்மறை புத்தகத்தே பிரித்தேன், படித்தேன்.  
வள்ளுவன் சொல்லுவான். ஞான் புகல்வேன்.  
அன்பிற்கும் உண்டோ அடைக்கும் தாழ்? ஆர்வமலர்  
புன்கண்ணீர் பூசல் தரும். மற்றொன்று  
அன்பின் வழியது உயிர்நிலை. அஃதிலார்கு  
என்பு தோல் போர்த்த உடம்பு. ஆகவே

எந்தன் அருமை மகளே, வேகவாஹினி,  
மகிழ்ச்சிதரும் மருமகளே, வைஜயந்தி மாலா,  
உந்தன் அன்பும், காதலும் அம்மறை வாக்கின்  
சொல் சேர்ந்தபடி சரிசேற  
பந்தத்தை உறுதி படுத்தும் இந்நன்னாளில், ஒருங்கு  
சேர்ந்திருக்கும் இம்மக்கள் முன்னிலையில்  
தந்தையான் உங்களை வாழ்த்தி ஆசிகூற எழுந்துள்ளேன்.  
அன்புள்ள மாலா, வேகா, நீங்கள்

இரு உடல் ஓர் உயிராய், உங்கள் ஆசையும், அபிலாஷையும்  
இன்று போல் என்றென்றும்  
ஒரு மடங்கல்ல, இரு மடங்கல்ல, பன் மடங்கல்ல,  
நூறு மடங்கல்ல, பற்பல மடங்குகள்  
பெருகி, சகல சௌபாக்கியங்களும் பெற்று  
வாழ்க, வாழ்க, வாழ்க என  
பெருமிதத்துடன் மனமாற வாழ்த்துகிறேன்,  
அன்பு கலந்த ஆசிகளும் கூறுகிறேன்.

# To Vega ூ Mala

By Appa / Mama

Inquiring as to what is love, realizing that the best words are  
those of the great Tamil seer,  
I found the book, opened and read it.  
Valluvan says and I quote  
“Where is the bar that closes the gates of love, the gentle teardrops  
that form themselves will surely proclaim their presence.”  
and again  
“The seat of life is in love; anyone who does not have it is  
only a mass of bones encased by skin.”  
hence

My dear and beloved daughter Vegavahini,  
pleasant Vijayanthimala, my other daughter,  
Your mutual love conforming to the words of the sage,  
on this auspicious day when you are avowing the  
Bonds between you, in the presence of this august audience,  
as a father, I rise to greet you and give my blessings.

As two bodies with one soul, let the love you bear each other today  
your desires and ambitions grow for ever and ever  
Not two folds nor ten folds or even one hundred folds  
but many, many folds;  
May you prosper in health and all other treasures.  
I hail, Viva, Viva, Viva, and  
With pride and full heartedly I greet you,  
give my blessings laced with affection and lots of love.

## *Community Blessing*

*Vijaya reads:*

MAY your love endure.

MAY you accept each other as you are and support each other's personal growth.

MAY you protect each other through life's journey.

MAY you be surrounded by the warmth and kindness of friends and family.

MAY you fill others' lives with warmth and kindness.

MAY you always appreciate and give back to your community.

MAY you live together mindfully and in harmony with the universe.

*Everyone reads together:*

WE PROMISE to honor and support your relationship, share your joys, and safeguard you in times of adversity.

## *Performances*

VEGA'S SONG

Written by Mala Nagarajan

Performed by Mala and Rujuta Gaonkar

INCANTATION FOR THE OCCASION

Written and read by Minal Hajratwala

MUSIC FOR AUNTY MALA & AUNTY VEGA

Performed by Sahana and Unni Narayanan

POEM

Written and read by Ramki Ramakrishnan

DUI NARI-NATYA RAMBLE

Created and performed by

Progga Choudhury and Aruna Subramanian

*Kathak and Bharatha Natyam meet in this piece to tell the tale of two women who inspire each other to move and find a place in each other's hearts.*



*After dinner, please join us in the Aquarium for the Otter Feeding, Cake and Dancing in the Dome*

# *Commitment—For Vega & Mala*

*By Heidi Li*

I.

SONNET...

In you i have found all that there is to know,  
a love so real, so deep, finally i can risk continued flight,  
and passion so pure, i find myself reveling in unspoken currents,  
tides with you.

for me, your lips contain infinite possibilities which only the  
stars and mystic night sky above us  
can comprehend.

With you i now imagine everything to be possible,  
all that i have found unwilling or impossible is no longer a part of me...  
for you guide me, your eyes, the path i travel to surrender,  
to soft lips, filled always with the tender promise  
of “i do.”

From you i see visions of a world that sparkles,  
and shimmers like velvet clouds adrift  
in a magical universe of infinite sounds and silence,  
amidst the sweetest of words, whispered desire and longing,  
that only you can bring...

your eyes moon light sunbursts become unfettered...

II.

A TIMELESS SONG...

With each melody,  
you bring to me, i find myself bewitched  
by this desire to hold you, forever captivated  
you close in my arms, I am awash in longing, how i dream  
of you a hundred thousand times, your smile a loving guide  
to each glorious day and night...

How you are so brilliant, leaving me bursting, radiant,  
filled with joy and tears, I hear your sighs, supple breath,  
feel your strong yet fragile flesh, close to me  
my cheek next to yours —

until i am tender and still, so immersed...

standing here with you amidst a landscape  
of twinkling fireflies and night lilies, your soft fingers linger,  
eyes flutter until my heart enfolds you, defenseless  
drawn into you your essence...

III.

...IMAGINE—

The force of both our words and melody, melding  
into not one, but two souls gazing —

you and i

we are destination points continually arriving, possibilities  
so complete, where else can  
we go?

no where, my love, but towards one another,  
together, into this miracle,

this chosen promise

of time.

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மாலா & வேகா