

Happy Anniversary

Years ago I walked in darkness,
Though I didn't know it.
My world was small and cold,
But it was all I knew.
It seemed normal to me,
And those people who basked
In sunshine I could not see
I didn't understand.
But now I understand everything.
All the world is new,
Like a forest after a spring storm.
The colors jump out at me and shine.
Everything is clear and intense,
Full of passion,
And the sunlight is all around.
I see now because it is your light that shines on me.
I am warmed because you are beside me.
Everything sparkles with my joy in you.
I do not know how I lived then,
Nor how I shall ever go on without you.
As long as we are together, all is right.
And so on this day, our anniversary,
The day I dedicate to remembering all you have done
To change me and make me whole,
The day I pledged my life to you,
So I pledge again:
You and me forever.

For Karen & Bernie, May 16, 2000 (commissioned)