

## Non-Traditional Wedding Readings

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**From The Essential Rumi**  
*translated by Coleman Barks*

When I am with you, we stay up all night.  
When you're not here, I can't go to sleep.

Praise God for these two insomnias!  
And the difference between them.

The minute I heard my first love story  
I started looking for you, not knowing  
how blind that was.

Lovers don't finally meet somewhere.  
They're in each other all along.

We are the mirror as well as the face in it.  
We are tasting the taste this minute  
of eternity. We are pain  
and what cures pain, both. We are  
the sweet cold water and the jar that pours.

I want to hold you close like a lute, so we can cry out with loving.

You would rather throw stones at a mirror?  
I am your mirror, and here are the stones.

*I do not claim to be the original author of this script. I am sharing it like this to make it easier for anyone to use.*