

The Meaning of Marriage

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What really gets to me
Is some stranger telling me
Why I cannot marry.

'Marriage is a union
Between a man and a woman'.
To you maybe
But not to me.
To me marriage is a union
Between a human and a human.

'But marriage means a union
Between a man and a woman'.
To you maybe
But not to me
Mister OED.
To me marriage isn't a semantic issue.
To me marriage is a romantic issue
Between two people. Two.
And unless one of them is you
I can't see why you'd have a view
About what those two people do
Cos their love doesn't directly affect you.

'But you getting married to a man
Lessens my marriage to a woman'.
To you maybe
But not me.
Cos I can't see how that could be.
If we marry nothing's taken away from you and given to me.
If we marry then me and my man don't rewrite your history.
I think men like you blame men like me
For your marriage that's unhappy
And it's probably unhappy because you were told who to marry
By society, by family
By Christianity
And so I think deep down you see
Why it really gets to me
When some stranger tells me
Why I cannot marry a man.