

Wedding At Cana

The table is set
Flowers arranged
Best silver polished
Napkins folded
Wine glasses buffed
Place names written
The menu planned
The kitchen is a buzz
The invites long sent
And the guests have arrived.

The celebration
is in fully flow
The happy couple
have said their vows
Many speeches are given
And toasts made
Jesus is happy
To sit back
And enjoy the atmosphere
And then the wine runs out.

How embarrassing
What on earth
Can be done
The feast is set
To last a day or so yet
The host will be mortified
And the celebration spoiled
But Mary senses the crisis looming
and tells Jesus he has come of age
and his time is now.

Water to wine
Disaster to rejoicing
The wedding day
is miraculously saved
and recounted down
through the generations
the story told
of a compassionate God
who sees pastoral need
and responds abundantly.

Compassionate
and generous God
whose love for the earth
and for the children of earth
overflows with abundance

we thank you that
you provide us
with choice and variety
with more than enough
to go around.

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forgive us when we refuse to share
or take more than is fair
or keep the best for ourselves
and help us to become a community
that reflects your inclusive generosity.

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