

ROYAL WEDDING

Floodlit Buckingham Palace, <sup>in all its</sup> ~~royally recalling~~ pre-war splendour, drew uncounted thousands of Londoners on the wedding eve. The rigours of a November night were lightly disregarded by great numbers of people, <sup>they had</sup> camping all night along the route to make sure of front-row places for the marriage procession. // The long <sup>darkness</sup> ~~passage~~ of the winter <sup>hours</sup> night reluctantly gave place to <sup>the</sup> ~~dawn of the~~ <sup>on this</sup> historic day. Faint hearts who had been abed, now swelled the ranks of <sup>watchers.</sup> ~~watchers, and in Parliament Square and the approaches to~~ The Abbey excited crowds were estimated to outnumber those that witnessed the Coronation. <sup>more than</sup> Two thousand persons ~~of distinction~~ were in the Abbey itself. Field Marshal Smuts,

<sup>The</sup> grand old man of the British Commonwealth, arrived early.

Mr. Mackenzie King represented Canada.

~~From Marlborough House~~ <sup>that</sup> came ~~the~~ beloved personification of Queenship whose long life spans four eventful reigns — and who, in the ~~large~~ <sup>heart</sup> of Britain, has an abiding place.

Escorted by Household Cavalry, in full uniform for the first time in eight years, — Her Majesty <sup>the Queen</sup> travelled in the glass coach with Princess Margaret, the chief bridesmaid.

It was from Kensington Palace, where Queen Victoria was born a hundred and twenty eight years ago, that the bridegroom started for the Abbey. Understandably ~~two minutes~~ <sup>a little</sup> ~~too early~~ <sup>and a bit nervous</sup> he and his best man, the Marquis of Milford Haven, delayed their departure.

Emerging a second time the Duke of Edinburgh, the title conferred upon him on the previous day, left for the Abbey.

Now, at Buckingham Palace, came the moment eagerly awaited by thousands. The bride and her father, riding in the Irish Coach, with a Sovereign's escort, began the procession of the bride.

(after casualty) This day Great Britain rejoiced and lifted up its heart.

A harassed nation forgot its worries. The twin appeal of Monarchy and Marriage <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ a reminder, <sup>of stability</sup> ~~welcome indeed,~~ of all that is fundamental and enduring in a world of change <sup>of continuity, their symbols - their traditions - were rare &</sup> ~~of all that is fundamental and enduring in a world of change~~

(Abbey) The congregation was now assembled ~~just~~ <sup>inside</sup> the ~~great & ancient~~ <sup>ancient</sup> ~~Abbey,~~ <sup>where even the stones</sup> its ancient stones compact of England's history, ~~leaders of the British family of free peoples~~ <sup>gathered in honour of the Crown</sup> Mackenzie King, <sup>Canada</sup> Smuts, <sup>of S. Africa</sup> the High Commissioners of Australia and New Zealand, mingled with members of the Cabinet <sup>and</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup> who led ~~us~~ <sup>this nation</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> victory. Thunderous cheering outside announced the arrival of the Irish Coach bearing the royal bride.



At the high altar, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Heiress to the Throne and the Duke of Edinburgh were proclaimed man and wife; The great-great <sup>grand-children</sup> ~~grandsons~~ of Queen Victoria were joined together in holy matrimony. The two branches of a great family diverged for more than a hundred years were now, by the compelling power of true love, joined once more in a common stream. ~~The sacred atmosphere of the beautiful service was carried far over the earth by radio. As they plighted their troth the~~ <sup>far</sup> Princess and the bridegroom were heard throughout the English-speaking world.

The marriage certificate bears the signatures of <sup>five</sup> ~~the~~ kings and representatives of all the royal houses of Europe. ~~To the congregation~~ A trumpet fanfare announced the bride and groom. *The Princess from carefully around the tomb of the unknown warrior*

On the drive back from the Abbey the Princess and her husband rode in the glass coach, acclaimed with tumultuous enthusiasm. ~~examining it for minutes~~

*was strong - but*  
Strong as was the police cordon outside the Palace the great mass of people overcame it in their determination to be as near as possible when the bride and bridegroom and others of the royal family should appear on the balcony. ~~The waiting~~ <sup>They</sup> had some time to wait, for as the

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wedding party returned from the Abbey the royal group posed ~~for the ceremonial cameras.~~ *for pictures.*

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~~for the hundred cameras~~ In ~~at~~ that glittering assembly  
~~the radiant figure of~~ the youthful bride draws the admiring  
gaze. The regal figure of the Queen Mother calls forth  
as always the deep affection of ~~all~~. *all who live in*  
*this Island*

The patience of the crowd, who had good-humouredly chanted,  
"We want the bride," was now rewarded as the Princess and  
her husband made their appearance.

~~the radiant figure of the bride~~  
~~the radiant figure of the bride~~. In the full flower of precious  
youth the Princess was a perfect bride. Her wedding dress  
of ivory satin, so ~~lavishly~~ *lavishly* embroidered with a design  
inspired by ~~the~~ paintings of Botticelli, itself had beauty  
worthy of the royal occasion. The bells of joy rang out in  
~~every~~ *the* hearts of this Island People. →

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