

**Michael to the Power of Two**

**Michael Newman and Michael Smith on their wedding day  
May 2, 2009**

**Getting married late  
after Being married long  
    You Get at last,  
    Michaels too  
what others get early  
toss off lightly as our due:  
ritual, symbol, celebrant  
    this witnessing-with-love-community  
    most precious by far.**

**You are Getting late,  
Michaels two, dearly  
what some get early,  
toss off lightly as our due:  
    power-with-all  
    accruing to the marriage  
    of two.**

**Getting married late  
after long years of Being  
    lovers, friends  
    companions  
for the long road.**

**Oh, the delight of Being with you  
Michaels two as you Get now  
what you have given long:  
Michael to the Power of Two love  
lavished on so many  
    as food,  
    in flowers,  
    homes made beautiful,  
    at sickbed vigils,  
    in listening long.**

**Oh, the circles you've created,  
Michaels two,  
for marking seasons  
welcoming children  
for marrying and burying--**

**Sweetest men, we thank you long  
delight with you now  
witnessing you  
Getting at last,  
what you have Created together:**

**Circle of love  
    to the  
Power of Many.**

Mary Pierce Brosmer

