

To Margaret, On Our 30th Anniversary

*A man, it says in holy writ, did find
A pearl of precious price, and so with speed
Sold all he had to purchase it in deed
And treasured it with awe and joy combined.*

*And so did I, a generation now,
I found a jewel, then forthwith I sped
To pay the asking price for love and said:
"With all my worldly goods I thee endow!".*

*Ah love! were all I saw a lovely girl
Time would have robbed me of its worth, --but no!
Years only bring increase to jewels, --so
Your worth has made me rich, Marg'ret, my Pearl!*

Douglas

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