

A WEDDING CEREMONY

For Glenda Wah & Jack Steedman
On the occasion of their marriage, December 31, 1981

Before the lake
each day before
the distances

We have agreed to play the game

begin, dream
and the map about
all days ahead

so that the town will be built

wish to keep it
"new" always (knowledge
is just now such

this lake and this far-reaching river

"information" night's
cartography can sign it
all the ways

which flows throughout us to the new world

the wisdom here is terrain
not only metaphor
but plain essence

to make another "one"

to our eyes.
Waxed moon
tide full

these "things" become named as such

there is the fish, the well
the River of Heaven,
the letter "n", these

places to which our contract signs.

configurations celebrate
our recognitions, far evening's
peaks' bright horizon.

What moves moves us as well

Aleph and Beth fish too.
They are married
into the game, "guh"

and we wise at how simple that is

the third letter vocal
throat's glottal "caw"
to birth whole body's continents

the very "idea" of it

in the blood
this dream of this Heaven
is the city we shall build

shall be our morning's light

together.

Love, Fred

January 2, 1982

