

# **WEDDING BY THE SEA**

**By Mary Ann Mulhern, Windsor's Poet Laureate**

We stand on the shoreline of an ancient sea  
Eternal waters of birth reflect showers of light  
Bright blessing of sun, God of earth and sky

Our voices echo in the dawn  
You choose me to be your wife  
I embrace you, my husband, my love

A child with white roses braided in golden hair  
Scatters petals over sand  
Offers sea-shells as her gift

In years to come, there will be storms  
Winds and rain, black tides of death  
Stay close my love  
I will guide you to an island  
Blossoms and fruit  
A marriage feast