



Canvas

By Uncle Glenn

Twenty years ago they pledged their troth
and in that time they wove a cloth
with threads both coarse and fine
threads that stretch and cling and shine.

They clothed themselves in trust
for times of sparkle and times of rust
they turned that cloth into a sail
to cross the sea of life to prevail.

They cruised waters both muddy and blue
beyond the bounds of what they knew
and learned to take the good and bad
and make the most of what they had.

Their love bore fruit in a little girl
as beautiful and perfect as a pearl,
as easy in liquid as on land
a child passing joy hand to hand.

On the shores of Bonaire and Hawaii's isles
through surgery, and painful trials
they have surfed the wild winds
with Aggies and Disney and friends.

Paw Paws, Grannies, uncles and aunts
coral and sand and underwater plants
sweat and tears and houses and fears
all mixed with love and loyalty and years.

We salute you our beloved Rita and Chris
and savor this moment to reminisce
and throw the fabric of our love over you
as you continue to make a union of two.

*Dedicated to Chris and Rita Courtney on their
20th Wedding Anniversary, June 27, 2013*

