

RENEWAL OF VOWS - SAMPLE CEREMONY

Groom and **Bride**

Today you have been married for ____years - your ____ celebration. Your main responsibility to bring up your children is now over and you have reached the stage in your relationship where you are rebuilding your life as a couple. This evening when you renew your marriage vows you can look forward with confidence to a new era in your life.

In the coming decades you will be able to concentrate on building your love for each other free from the tensions and worries involved in establishing yourselves financially and nurturing a growing family. Your children are here tonight to give their blessing for your new life and to thank you for all your generosity ,love and support over the last____years.

Tonight is a night when you reassure each other. When you are expressing to each other deep loyalty and loving trust as the basis of your marriage relationship.

Both of you believe in marriage - in the fullness of the husband and wife relationship and you know that a deep bond unites you both. It must do so because of what you have been through together - all the stresses and tensions of the past have not weakened your love but have only made you more determined to stick by each other. This relationship is and must be very deep.

Tonight's re-commitment should encourage you both to be more dedicated to each other so that you can look forward to a settled and enjoyable future.

Vows

____ years ago, I, **Groom** took you, **Bride** to be my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. This day I re-affirm that vow.

____ years ago, I **Bride** took you, **Groom** to be my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. This day I re-affirm that vow.