The Loving Kind

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They were the loving kind
She was black and he was white
In Virginia, nineteen fifty eight
They found love amongst the hateWell, the law said they could not wed
They married anyway
The sheriff put them both in jail
Separated till they made their bailThey changed the heart of a nation
With their wedding vows
From the highest court in the land
Their union would lawfully standSimply Mildred and Richard
That's how they'll be remembered
They proved that love is truly blind
They were the loving kindThe Loving's lived a quiet life
In their Virginia home
And while the case worked its way through the courts
They brought three children to this worldRichard died in seventy five
Mildred kept their love alive
'Till the spring of two thousand eight
Fifty years beyond the hateThey changed the heart of a nation
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