

# A Church, a Courtroom, Then Goodbye

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The first scene was the church, then the altar  
Where we claimed each other, with tears of joy we cried  
Our friends wished us luck there forever  
As we walked from the church, side by side  
The next scene was a crowded courtroom  
And like strangers we sat side by side  
Then I heard the judge make his decision  
And no longer were we man and wife  
I hate the sight of that courtroom  
Where man made laws push God's laws aside  
Then the clerk wrote our story in the record  
A church, a courtroom and then goodbye  
We walked from that courtroom together  
We shook hands and once again we cried  
Then it was the end of our story  
A church, a courtroom and then goodbye

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