

## Thought for the day – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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### The First Sign

Please find a poem from Divine Inspiration The Life of Jesus in world poetry.

It is based on the wedding at Cana and written by Richard Wilbur. In 1987-88 he was Poet Laureate of the US.

St John tells how, at Cana's wedding feast,  
The waterpots poured wine in such amount  
That by his sober count  
There were a hundred gallons at the least.

It made no earthly sense, unless to show  
How whatsoever love elects to bless  
Brimms to a sweet excess  
That can without depletion overflow.

Which is to say that what love sees is true;  
That the world's fullness is not made but found  
Life hungers to abound  
And pour its plenty out for such as you.

Now if your loves will lend an ear to mine  
I toast you both, good son and dear new daughter  
May you not lack for water  
And may that water smack of Cana's wine.

Let us thank God for his generosity and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

