

Celebrate Heather

Heather's Send-off on the Seashore

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Prayer

*God, the Spirit at the core of our cosmos,
As we say our final farewell to Heather,
We celebrate a beautiful life,
A wonderful woman, a sparkling friend,
An exciting partner and a loving mother.
We give thanks and sing with her spirit today
As we spread her ashes on the sea
So that she may continue her journey
And return to us on the waves.
May her memory burn among us
Like the aroma of the incense
We now scatter on this shore. Amen*

A Memory

*As we say farewell from this shore,
We remember some lines from her marriage vows
Made on this very shore that appropriate and
true:*

*It is our intention in this marriage
To affirm each other
As the sky affirms the sea
To complement each other
As the yin complements the yang,
To uphold each other's independence
As the sun upholds the day
And the moon upholds the night,
To support each other's goals
As the rain supports the flowers,
To share all responsibilities
As the sea shares its shores with the land,
To celebrate each other's differences*

*As the colours celebrate the rainbow,
To respect each other's traditions
As the dawn respects the dusk,
To see the good in each other
As the sun stirs the good in the soil,
And to rejoice in each other,
As the Creator rejoices in the creation.*

*Song
morning,*

Morning has broken, like the first

*Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word.*

*God our Creator, thank you for Heather,
Thanks for her life, her love and her eyes,
Thanks for her soul that lifted our spirits,
Searching to find just one more surprise.*

*Heather keeps stirring deep in our mem'ry,
Heather keeps singing soft in our hearts.
Give us your blessing, Heather our sister,
Give us your blessing as you depart.*

Send-off

*As we say scatter Heather's ashes on the water,
May her body dance with dolphins
And the Deep of the ocean,
May her soul journey on to the horizon
And touch the Soul of the sky,
May her spirit flow with the world Wind
And return to this shore on the waves.*

Farewell, Heather, we love you.