

***Something Old,
Something New***

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A traditional rhyme for brides goes:

*Something old, something new,
Something borrowed, something blue,
And a silver sixpence in her shoe.*

This non-sentence is almost nonsense but with mere contrast it seems to say something. As items for the bride they go together in some curious way.

Where might we go with this? What other things are somehow tied together? Merisms, certainly. What opposites combine together? Can contraries be coherent? Can contradictories be complete? What about order? Weddings of words await us.

RAINBOW

Something old, something new,
Something yellow, something blue.
Something cyan, something red,
Something deluge, something dread.
Something magenta, something green,
Something promised, something seen.

VERSE

Something old, something new,
Something borrowed, something skew.
Something rhythmic, something free,
Something hidden, something key.
Something Shakespeare, something Donne,
Something like something fun.

PAINTING

Something old, something new,
Something yellow, something blue.
Something strange, something norm,
Something space, something form.
Something Goya, something Gogh,
Something Michelangelo.

THEOLOGY

Something Jewish, something law,
Something temple, something awe.
Something story, something song,
Something prophet, something long.
Something gospel, something Greek,
Something Jesus, something seek.

DEITY

Someone holy, someone one,
Someone Father, someone Son.
Someone Spirit, someone Lord,
Someone Person, someone Word.
Someone love, someone three,
Someone Trinity.

HOLY LAND

Somewhere east, somewhere west,
Somewhere Abram was a guest.
Somewhere conflict, somewhere quest,
Somewhere people find their rest.
Somewhere holy, somewhere best,
Somewhere deity will nest.

BIBLE

Something Adam, something Eve,
Something Abram did believe.
Something Moses, something Jew,
Something holy, something true.
Something idol, something law,
Something God, something awe.
Something prophet, something king,
Something David liked to sing.
Something Jesus, something cross,
Something risen, something lost.
Something Peter, something Paul,
Something spirit on them all.
Something gospel, something new,
Something many, something few.

PROMISE

Something now, something then,
Something here, something when.
Something could, something can,
Something would, something plan.
Something may, something must,
Something try, something trust.

CREATION

Something God, something none,
Something light, something one.
Something heaven, something blue,
Something sky, something two.
Something earth, something sea,
Something flora, something three.
Something sun, something more,
Something moon, something four.
Something flying, something live,
Something swimming, something five.
Something cattle, something kicks,
Something human, something six.
Something good, something rest.
Something seven, something blest.

BOTH

Something left, something right,
Something dark, something bright.
Something forward, something back,
Something white, something black.
Something up, something down,
Something flying on the ground.

FALL

Something garden, something tree,
Something river, something he.
Something knowledge, something good,
Something evil, something would.
Something language, something name,
Something missing, something tame.
Something sleeping, something bone,
Something naked, something grown.
Something woman, something Eve,
Something Adam, something cleave.
Something serpent, something lie,
Something eaten, something why.
Something cover, something hide,
Something cursed, something died.
Something clothed, something crossed,
Something guarded, something lost.
Something sweat, something pain,
Something Abel, something Cain.

SEX

Something women, something men,
Something Arthur, something Gwen.
Something raptor, something wren,
Something Yinyang, something Zen.
Something married, something *then*,
Something Eden, something *amen*.

DELUGE

Something old, something new,
Something Ark, something crew.
Something Noah, something made,
Something shelter, something aid.
Something beast, something pair,
Something family, something rare.
Something water, something rain,
Something flood, something slain.
Something wait, something dove,
Something rainbow, something love.

GOSPEL

Someone born, someone fled,
Someone did, someone said.
Someone followed, someone led,
Someone wine, someone bread.
Someone nailed, someone bled,
Someone living in our stead.

SALVATION

Something you, something we,
Something needed, something free.
Something all, something none,
Something given, something won.
Something fought, something run,
Something now, something done.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Something free, something paid,
Something present, something trade.
Something sung, something played,
Something wretched, something aid.
Something answered, something prayed,
Something centered, something stayed.

DATE

Something one, something two,
Something me, something you.
Something three, something four,
Something shoot, something score.
Something five, something six,
Something private, something mix.
Something seven, something eight,
Something good, something great.
Something nine, something ten,
Something where, something when.

VOWS

Something old, something new,
Something borrowed, something blue.
Something better, something worse,
Something baby, something nurse.
Something rich, something poor,
Something fun, something chore.
Something health, something sick,
Something happen, something pick.
Something husband, something wife,
Something death, something life.

DIALECTIC

Something Plato, something two,
Something you and I could do.
Something Aristotle, something one,
Something just for everyone.
Something Hegel, something three,
Something contradictory.

PHILOSOPHY

Something ancient, something Greek,
Something listen, something speak,
Something Latin, something rule,
Something arcane, something school.
Something modern, something sight,
Something modal, something trite.

POLITICS

Something kingdom, something old,
Something royal, something bold.
Something city, something law,
Something people, something draw.
Something nation, something state,
Something union, something great.

HISTORY

Something then, something old,
Something someone told.
Something wrong, something just,
Something hidden in the dust.
Something present, something past,
Something someone asked.

SCIENCE

Something liquid, something gas,
Something genus, something class.
Something found, something guessed,
Something lab, something test.
Something field, something view,
Something if we only knew.

MATH

Something even, something odd,
Something square, something quad.
Something equals, something skew,
Something proven, something true.
Something logic, something think,
Something all in sync.

MYSTERY

Something murder, something clue,
Something secret, someone knew.
Something question, something view,
Something strange, something skew.
Something finger, something shoe,
Something found, something true.

BALL

Something game, something fun,
Something now, something come,
Something catch, something sun,
Something walk, something run,
Something score, something won,
Something over, something done.

CONTRA

Something beauty, something bad,
Something happy, something mad.
Something evil, something good,
Something shouldn't, something should.
Something false, something true,
Something not for you.

NUMBER

Something twelve, something four,
Something add, something more.
Something eight, something two,
Something times, something new.
Something two, something four,
Something power, something soar.

YOU MUST

You must come, you must go,
You must guess, you must know.
You must follow, you must stay,
You must find, you must weigh.
You must listen, you must speak,
You must groan, you must shriek.

WEATHER

Something cloudy, something hot,
Something humid, something not.
Something stormy, something rain,
Something windy, something vane.
Something sunny, something nice,
Something cold, something ice.

TIME

Something old, something new,
Something instant, something brew.
Something take, something spend,
Something begin, something end.
Something early, something late,
Something ready, something wait.
Something then, something now,
Something when, something how.
Something present, something past,
Something first, something last.

PLACE

Somewhere east, somewhere west,
Somewhere home, somewhere guest.
Somewhere north, somewhere south,
Somewhere hand, somewhere mouth.
Somewhere mountain, somewhere coast,
Somewhere country, somewhere post.
Somewhere city, somewhere town,
Somewhere up, somewhere down.

MOVEMENT

Something come, something go,
Something fast, something slow,
Something race, something tow,
Something catch, something throw,
Something wither, something grow,
Something plough, something mow,
Something ebb, something flow,
Something sail, something row,
Something swirl, something blow,
Something giddyup, something whoa.

MAGNITUDE

Something great, something small,
Something none, something all.
Something wide, something deep,
Something gradual, something steep.
Something many, something few,
Something fifty, something two.
Something short, something long,
Something weak, something strong.
Something high, something low,
Something credit, something owe.
Something empty, something full,
Something push, something pull.
Something further, something close,
Something least, something most.