

BONDING

A marriage contract is less serious
compared to promises uniting us,
and when considered from the point of view
that partners who would like to cancel it
may legally divorce, and often do.
There's no such law allowing us to quit.

But you and I are willing volunteers,
first casual acquaintances, then friends
who found out that we make good company.
And now, whenever you are next to me
I smile, thinking how we'll spend our years
until this mutual commitment ends.

These days, divorcing pairs are no surprise,
but failing vows don't worry you and me.
Some folks could take example from our ties:
Dogs wrote the book about fidelity;
I pledge dog-caring as a life-long oath.
With these, Dog-Master bonding binds us both.

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