

ON YOUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Sonia Weitz for Rena & Mark Finder (May 1996)

Dear Reniusiu and Mareczku dear,
I wrote you a poem.... But never fear
It will be brief (I hope and pray)
Yet there is so much I'd like to say

Half-a-century is but a blink of an eye.
It passes so quickly we tend to deny
That a space of fifty years
Is also a lifetime of joy and of tears

How do we measure time and try to tell?
You, who saw the evil face and night
Branded and shamed... but as darkness fell
You chose to dwell upon shades of light.

You lit a candle, you lifted a lamp
You lit up the dreary, ugly D.P. camp
And joining together you walked hand-in-hand
Through that hostile, foreign land

You followed a rainbow and you crossed the ocean
The next five decades of love and devotion
Were filled both with happiness and with pain...
But those years were never, never in vain!

Because you are a miracle to behold,
You give hope to the young and faith to the old.
We wish you long life and may you both find
Good health, much naches and peace of mind.