



ROCK MY
WEDDING

Excerpt from “Paradise”

By Toni Morrison

Love is divine only and difficult always.

If you think it is easy you are a fool.

If you think it is natural you are blind.

It is a learned application
without reason or motive
except that it is God.

You do not deserve love
regardless of the suffering
you have endured.

You do not deserve love
because somebody did you wrong.

You do not deserve love
just because you want it.

You can only earn — by practice
and careful contemplations —
the right to express it
and you have to learn how to accept it.

Which is to say
you have to earn God.

You have to practice God.

You have to think God-carefully.

And if you are a good and diligent student
you may secure the right to show love.

Love is not a gift.

It is a diploma.