

“When Man and Wife in Love Conceive”

This pro-life hymn follows the outline of conception (st. 1), the time in the womb (st. 2), the day of birth (st. 3), and the new birth of Baptism (st. 4). Stanza 5 is a call to prayer.

Stanza 1: “Child” is the hymn’s most important word.

Stanza 5: “Marriage, life, and family” are a kind of holy trinity.

This hymn and “A Man Shall Father, Mother Leave” share the same tune (SANCTITY), pointing out the connection between the sanctity of marriage and the sanctity of human life.