

## THE LOVING DECISION

for John and Marshall

In a small town in Virginia  
Early nineteen sixties  
Two young people in love  
Became part of history  
They grew up on the same road  
They were friends all their lives  
Their families were pleased  
To see them husband and wife

Chorus

Don't you think that two people who love each other  
Have the right to get married and live together  
That's a loving decision

They thought that two people who love each other  
Have the right to get married and live together  
That's a loving decision  
Mildred was black  
Richard Loving was white  
And the laws in Virginia  
Said their marriage wasn't right  
At three in the morning  
The night the Lovings were wed  
They woke to the sheriff and his  
Deputies round their bed

Chorus

They didn't think that two people who love each other  
Had the right to get married and live together  
Not a loving decision  
They were jailed and then exiled  
So they moved to D.C.  
They found work and had children  
But they missed their families  
The Lovings challenged the law  
In the courts of the land  
The Supreme Court declared  
Intermarriage could not be banned

Chorus:

They thought that two people who love each other  
Have the right to get married and live together  
It was the Loving Decision  
When we legislate fear  
We turn justice to hate  
Who we love and we marry  
Is no business of the state  
On this journey through life  
A loving partner's what you need  
And love isn't governed  
By gender, race or creed

Chorus: