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1 Un - seen God, your hand has guid - ed these two
 2 You have made them in your im - age, formed them
 3 May their fin - gers, in - ter - twin - ing, weave a
 4 Shape their hands, O God, for shar - ing: o - pen,
 5 God, through all the years be - fore them, let your

lives on sep - arate ways till they heard your
 for com - mu - ni - ty. Bless their hands, now
 stron - ger bond to bear bur - dens fu - ture
 reach - ing out to give. Make their hearts, as
 hand their hands up - hold. On their un - seen

call to trav - el hand in hand through all their days.
 linked to - geth - er, yoked in love that sets them free.
 years may bring them: stress of du - ty, weight of care.
 you have shown us, quick, when wound - ed, to for - give.
 way be - friend them; with your love their love en - fold.

This wedding or anniversary text effectively weaves together metaphorical and literal references to hands. The metaphors, referring to God's providential care, are always singular, while the human references all involve more than one hand and evoke visual and tactile images.