

The Most Fundamental Institution of Civilization

My American Heritage
Tells me

Civilization—
An advanced state of
Development in human society,
marked by progress in the arts.

Fair enough

A suit
Tells me

Marriage—
The most fundamental
institution of civilization.
Man and woman only, though.

See above

It must be more sacred when
a man
and
a woman
hold hands

Yes surely
surely
surely that must be it

Or maybe

There must be something distinct
about that sacred way
a woman
kisses caresses cares for
a man

And although

Dictionaries—

Are written just like speeches
And compiled akin to statistics
the word marriage means so much more.

So it seems

Civilization—

An advanced state of
Development in human society,
marked by progress in the arts.

Is built by

Marriage—

The most fundamental
institution of civilization.
Man and woman only, though.

Curious

This apparently
tells me

Sorry—

Wystan Hugh and Oscar,
Walt, Hart, and Willa:
You gave us nothing.