Why It Is Better To Be Married · Russell Edson

There were a pair of dusty old oxen, who had been pulling things for years under the same yoke.

Suddenly, after years of silence, one of the oxen turned in his bow to the other and mooed, isn't it time we fell in love and got married?

Why should that happen? lowed the other ox.

Because we've been yoked together for years, and it doesn't look right that we haven't made it legal, moved the first ox.

Perhaps so, then, lowed the second ox, because it is true that it's better to be married than to burn in hell . . .