

The following love poem was written in honor of the wedding of Jamal Mazrui and Susan Palmer on April 12, 2003.

The Difference You've Made

A village street at dawn,
A quiet misty bay -
Such solitude, such emptiness
Was once my lonely way.

**But the sound of your love
Has changed everything**

Behold a single cloud,
An owl at break of day,
And see my past in that light;
As lost I was as they.

**But the scent of your love
Has changed everything.**

Like the widower by the fireside,
Bereft of his yesterday,
Like a lonely child in the wilderness
Without a game to play.

**But the vision of your love
Has changed everything**

When my life stepped into yours
This gloom was cast away
"One small step" in the dark
"Our giant leap" into day!

**The touch of your love
Has changed everything.
Yes, everything.**