

V'erastich Li

lyrics: Hosea 2.21-22

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(I wrote this song for Rebecca's and my wedding. We asked Rebecca's uncles, Rabbi Larry Milder, to sing it as we circled each other. The text is one of the sources for the tradition of circling. It is also said while wrapping tefillin.)

capo 3

G D Em C G Em C D
V'erastich li l'olam, v'erastich li b'tzedek

G D Em D CG D
v'erastich li l'olam, v'erastich li

Em Bm C D
b'tzedek u'v' mishpat u'v'chesed u'v'rachamim

Em C G D
b'tzedek u'v' mishpat u'v'chesed u'v'rachamim

G D Em C G Em C D
V'erastich li b'emunah va'yadaat et adonai

G D Em D C G D
V'erastich li b'emunah va'yadaat et adonai

(note that parts A and C — “V'erastich li l'olam...” and “V'erastich li b'emunah...” — can be sung together)

I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me with righteousness,
justice, love, and compassion. I will betroth you to me with faith and you shall
know God.

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