**Love is Love**

By Lin-Manuel Miranda – June 12, 2016

*A sonnet performed as part of his acceptance speech at the Tony Awards.
Earlier the same day the worst mass shooting in U.S. history occurred.*

My wife’s the reason anything gets done!

She nudges me towards promise by degrees.

She is a perfect symphony of one—

Our son is her most beautiful reprise.

We chase the melodies that seem to find us

Until they’re finished songs and start to play—

When senseless acts of tragedy remind us

That nothing here is promised, not one day.

This show is proof that history remembers—

We lived through times when hate and fear seemed stronger.

We rise and fall and light from dying embers,

Remembrances that hope and love last longer.

And love is love is love is love is love is love is love is love

 cannot be killed or swept aside!

I sing Vanessa’s symphony, Eliza tells her story—

now fill the world with music, love and pride!