The above poem could be summarized as follows:

It rarely happens that a couple have become one, but we are one. No other husband were loved so much by his wife than my husband; no other wife was happy with her husband than I. Nothing in the world is more precious than our love for each other . I pray that when we are no longer alive, we still love each other.

For me, the "golden" lines from the poem are:

" If ever two were one, then surely we."

"I prize thy love more than whole mines of gold,"

"That when we live no more we may live ever."

In the line "Or all the riches that the East doth hold."

The phrase that confused me is "doth hold".

I'm looking forward to Professor's instructions and explications from my savvy classmates.

*Reply,*

*I like your post and your description of spouses’ relationship that help in sustaining family morals and values. Your choice of versus support family values. The use of emotional in the text contributes to the overall thematic positioning of the narrative, fostering an almost first-person perspective in the reader. The poet reconnects with the cultural past he had been distant from, thereby redeeming his people’s heritage.*