

## Toasts, Quotes & Jokes

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Toasts, quotes and jokes can spice up any wedding speech, and give you that extra touch of sincerity, loyalty, and humour. Besides...what else would the Bride and Groom expect from Yours Truly besides a little bit of your personality added to their Wedding Day?

### Toasts

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May you both live as long as you want,  
And never want as long as you live.

Here's to the bride that is to be,  
Here's to the groom she'll wed,  
May all their troubles be light as bubbles  
Or the feathers that make up their bed!

I have known many,  
Liked not a few,  
Loved only one  
I toast to you

Let's drink to love, which is nothing -- unless it's divided by two.

"Drink to me only with thine eyes,  
And I will pledge with mine;  
Or leave a kiss within the cup,  
And I'll not look for wine."  
- Ben Jonson

May the most you wish for be the least you get.

Here's to the bride.  
May your hours of joy be as numerous  
as the petals of your bridal bouquet.

To my Bride: She knows all about me and loves me just the same

To my Groom: He knows all about me and loves me just the same

Here's to the husband  
And here's to the wife  
May they be lovers  
The rest of their life.

Never above you. Never below you. Always beside you

May all your troubles be less  
And all your blessings be more  
And nothing but happiness  
Come through your door.

Here's to the Groom, a man who keeps his head though he loses his heart.

May your home always be too small  
to hold all of your friends

May your Love be modern enough to survive the times  
and old fashioned enough to last forever.

It is said when a child finds true love  
the parents find true joy.  
Here's to your joy and ours, from this day forward.

May your wedding days be few and your anniversaries many.

Here's to lying, cheating, and stealing and drinking  
May you lie only to your enemies  
Cheat only death  
Steal only each other's hearts  
And drink deeply of each other's love.

A toast to love and laughter and happily ever after!

May your love be as endless as your wedding rings

Here's to the Groom with a Bride so fair, Here's to the Bride with a Groom so rare!

Let us toast the health of the bride  
Let us toast the health of the groom,  
Let us toast the person that tied,  
Let us toast every guest in the room.

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet,  
Enough trials to keep you strong,  
Enough sorrow to keep you human,  
Enough hope to keep you happy,  
Enough failure to keep you humble,  
Enough success to keep you eager,  
Enough friends to give you comfort,  
Enough faith and courage in yourself your business, and your country to banish depression,  
Enough wealth to meet your needs,  
Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.

Love does not consist of gazing at each other,  
But in looking outward together in the same direction.

To the man who has conquered the Bride's heart, and her mother's.

Down the hatch, to a striking match!

May your hands be forever clasped in friendship  
And your hearts joined forever in love.

To my wife, my bride and joy.

To the newlyweds: May "for better or worse" be far better than worse.

To our guests: May the friends of our youth be the  
Companions of our old age.

To our guests: May our home always be too small  
to hold all our friends.

Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be.

May the two of you grow old on one pillow.

Here's to the Bride and Groom:  
May their joys be as bright as the morning,  
And their sorrows but shadows that fade in the sunlight of love

Here's to my mother-in-law's daughter,  
Here's to her father-in-law's son,  
And here's to the vows we've just taken,  
And the life we've just begun.

Here's to you both,  
A beautiful pair,  
On the birthday of your love affair.

Here's a toast to marriage, the greatest educational establishment in the world.

Love is blind, but marriage restores its sight.

A health to you,  
A wealth to you,  
And the best that life can give to you.  
May fortune still be kind to you.  
And happiness be true to you,  
And life be long and good to you,  
Is the toast of all your friends to you.

May we all meet on many more happy occasions.

Here's a health to all those that we love,  
Here's a health to all those that love us,  
Here's a health to all those that love them  
that love those  
that love them  
that love those  
that love us.

May you have warm words on a cold evening,  
A full moon on a dark night,  
And the road downhill all the way to your door.

As you slide down the banister of life,  
May the splinters never point the wrong way.

May you be poor in misfortune,  
Rich in blessings,  
Slow to make enemies,  
And quick to make friends.

May thy life be long and happy,  
Thy cares and sorrows few;  
And the many friends around thee  
Prove faithful, fond and true.

Here's to this fine couple.  
May their joys be as bright as the morning,  
and their sorrows but shadows that fade in  
the sunlight of love.

May your love always last  
and your happiness always be assured

Merry meet and merry part  
I drink to thee with all my heart

May the love you share forever remain as beautiful  
as the bride looks today

May the love you feel today  
be present always, forever and a day.

Today I married my best friend.

For better or for worse, but never for granted.

## Quotes

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Love and Marriage

"You don't marry someone you can live with - you marry the person who you cannot live without."  
-Unknown

"Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction."  
-Saint-Exupery

"Tell me whom you love and I will tell you who you are."  
-Houssaye

"Love is but the discovery of ourselves in others, and the delight in the recognition."  
-Alexander Smith

"Some love lasts a lifetime. True love lasts forever."  
-Unknown

"One gift in this world  
that is precious and rare  
is the love that a parent  
and their child can share."  
-Unknown

"Nunc scio quit sit amor."  
Lat., "Now I know what love is."  
-Virgil

"We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly."  
-Anonymous

"Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that."  
-Michael Leunig

"A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous."

-Ingrid Bergman

"I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love."

-Henry Ward Beecher

"Woe to the man whose heart has not learned while young to hope, to love - and to put its trust in life."

-Joseph Conrad

"True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about and few have seen."

-La Rochefoucauld

"Who ever loved that loved not at first sight?"

-Christopher Marlowe

"Better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all."

-St. Augustine

"To love another person is to see the face of God."

-Les Miserables

"When we are in love we often doubt that which we most believe."

-La Rochefoucauld

"Friendship often ends in love; but love in friendship - never."

-Charles Caleb Colton

"The richest love is that which submits to the arbitration of time."

-Lawrence Durrell

"A very small degree of hope is sufficient to cause the birth of love."



-Stendhal

"Blushing is the color of virtue."

-Diogenes

"Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it."

-Dr. Karl Menninger

"To love and win is the best thing. To love and lose, the next best."

-William M. Thackeray

"If you love someone, let them go. If they return to you, it was meant to be. If they don't, their love was never yours to begin with..."

-Unknown

"Love is hard work; and hard work sometimes hurts!"

-Unknown

"True love never dies for it is lust that fades away. Love bonds for a lifetime but lust just pushes away."

-Alicia Barnhart

"You call it madness, but I call it love."

-Don Byas

"Who says love never lives? Maybe we've never lived."

-Unknown

"Love is not blind - It sees more and not less, but because it sees more it is willing to see less."

-Will Moss

"If love is great, and there are no greater things, then what I feel for you must be the greatest."  
-Unknown

"Love is like playing the piano. First you must learn to play by the rules, then you must forget the rules and play from your heart."  
-Unknown

"If I could reach up and hold a star for every time you've made me smile, the entire evening sky would be in the palm of my hand."  
-Unknown

"Truly loving another means letting go of all expectations. It means full acceptance, even celebration of another's personhood."  
-Karen Casey

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."  
-Mother Theresa

"Relationships--of all kinds--are like sand held in your hand. Held loosely, with an open hand, the sand remains where it is. The minute you close your hand and squeeze tightly to hold on, the sand trickles through your fingers. You may hold onto some of it, but most will be spilled. A relationship is like that. Held loosely, with respect and freedom for the other person, it is likely to remain intact. But hold too tightly, too possessively, and the relationship slips away and is lost."  
-Kaleel Jamison

"If you would be loved, love and be lovable."  
-Benjamin Franklin

"Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss, and ends with a teardrop."  
-Anonymous

"We always believe our first love is our last, and our last love our first."  
-Anonymous

"The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost."  
-G. K. Chesterton

"Love is shown in your deeds, not in your words."  
-Fr. Jerome Cummings

"Where there is love there is life."  
-Gandhi

"To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage."  
-Lao Tzu

"Absence diminishes small loves and increases great ones, as the wind blows out the candle and blows up the bonfire."  
-François de La Rochefoucauld

"The supreme happiness in life is the conviction that we are loved."  
-Victor Hugo

"The heart has reasons that reason cannot know."  
-Pascal

"We cannot really love anybody with whom we never laugh."  
-Agnes Repplier

"Love without reason lasts the longest."  
-Unknown

"This was love at first sight, love everlasting: a feeling unknown, un hoped for, unexpected--in so far as it could be a matter of conscious awareness; it took entire possession of him, and he understood, with joyous amazement, that this was for life."

-Thomas Mann

"Love is a driver, bitter and fierce if you fight and resist him,  
Easy-going enough once you acknowledge his power."

-Ovid

"There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness."

-Friedrich Nietzsche

"A man reserves his true and deepest love not for the species of woman in whose company he finds himself electrified and enkindled, but for that one in whose company he may feel tenderly drowsy."

-George Jean Nathan

"Love sought is good, but given unsought, is better."

-William Shakespeare

"The course of true love never did run smooth."

-William Shakespeare

"There is no remedy for love but to love more."

-Henry David Thoreau

"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, it's what you are expected to give -- which is everything."

-Anon

"Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within."

-James Baldwin

"Love is the immortal flow of energy that nourishes, extends and preserves. Its eternal goal is life."

-Smiley Blanton

"The best proof of love is trust."  
-Joyce Brothers

"Sometimes the heart sees what is invisible to the eye."  
-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"Perfect love is rare indeed - for to be a lover will require that you continually have the subtlety of the very wise, the flexibility of the child, the sensitivity of the artist, the understanding of the philosopher, the acceptance of the saint, the tolerance of the scholar and the fortitude of the certain."  
-Leo Buscaglia

"Love builds bridges where there are none."  
-R. H. Delaney

"We are all born for love. It is the principle of existence, and its only end."  
-Benjamin Disraeli

"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."  
-Henry Drummond

"Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit."  
-Kahlil Gibran

"There is only one terminal dignity -- love."  
-Helen Hayes

"The supreme happiness in life is the conviction that we are loved -- loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves."  
-Victor Hugo

"The moment you have in your heart this extraordinary thing called love and feel the depth, the delight, the ecstasy of it, you will discover that for you the world is transformed."  
-J. Krishnamurti

"Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your good health has vanished."  
-Og Mandino

"Love means never having to say you're sorry."  
-Erich Segal

"Coming together is a beginning;  
keeping together is progress;  
working together is success."  
-Henry Ford

"Marriage is our last, best chance to grow up."  
-Joseph Barth

## Friendship

"A friend is one who knows all about you and likes you anyway."  
-Christi Mary Warner

"Love is blind, but friendship closes its eyes."  
-Unknown

"But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life; and thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things, the greater part of life is sunshine."  
-Thomas Jefferson

"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow ~ Don't walk behind me, I may not lead ~ Just walk beside me and be my friend."

-Unknown

"We know our friends by their defects rather than by their merits."

-W. Somerset Maugham

"Love demands infinitely less than friendship."

-George Jean Nathan

"However rare true love may be, it is less so than true friendship."

-François Duc de La Rochefoucauld

"Friends are born, not made."

-Henry Adams

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"My father always used to say that when you die, if you've got five real friends, then you've had a great life."

-Lee Iacocca

"Hold a true friend with both your hands."

-Nigerian Proverb

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."

-Albert Schweitzer

"There comes that mysterious meeting in life when someone acknowledges who we are and what we can be, igniting the circuits of our highest potential."

-Rusty Berkus

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."  
-Dale Carnegie

"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words."  
-Unknown

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same."  
-Unknown

"A friend is a gift you give yourself."  
-Robert Louis Stevenson

"There are no such things as strangers, only friends we haven't met yet."  
-Anonymous

"It is the friends that you can call at 4 A.M. that matter."  
-Marlene Dietrich

"My best friend is the one that brings out the best in me."  
-Henry Ford

"Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born."  
-Anais Nin

"Life without a friend is death without a witness."  
-Spanish Proverb

"The most I can do for my friend is simply to be his friend."



-Henry David Thoreau

"Friends are God's way of apologizing to us for our families."

-Unknown

"Friendship is a single soul dwelling in two bodies."

-Aristotle

"Don't believe your friends when they ask you to be honest with them. All they really want is to be maintained in the good opinion they have of themselves."

-Albert Camus

"How can sincerity be a condition of friendship? A taste for truth at any cost is a passion which spares nothing."

-Albert Camus

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A true friend is the greatest of all blessings, and that which we take the least care of all to acquire."

-François Duc de La Rochefoucauld

"To me, fair friend, you never can be old  
For as you were when first your eye I eyed,  
Such seems your beauty still."

-William Shakespeare

"The proper office of a friend is to side with you when you are in the wrong. Nearly anybody will side with you when you are in the right."

-Mark Twain

"The road to a friend's house is never long."

-Danish proverb

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything."

-Muhammad Ali

"Friends are treasures."

-Horace Bruns

## Happiness

"Happiness is a choice that requires effort at times."

-Anon

"Be happy while you're living, for you're a long time dead."

-Scottish Proverb

"Most people would rather be certain they're miserable, than risk being happy."

-Robert Anthony

"Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you."

-Nathaniel Hawthorne

"...happiness is the highest good, being a realization and perfect practice of virtue, which some can attain, while others have little or none of it..."

-Aristotle

"Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking."  
-Marcus Aurelius

"The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."  
-Allan K. Chalmers

"You can't change the past, and you can ruin a perfectly good present, by worrying about the future."  
-Anonymous

"Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action."  
-Benjamin Disraeli

"The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."  
-Joseph Addison

"Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving, make every day a holiday and celebrate just living."  
-Amanda Bradley

"He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home."  
-Johann von Goethe

"A smile is curve that sets everything straight."  
-Anonymous

"Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life."  
-Burton Hills

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

-George Burns

"Happiness is like jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself."

-Anonymous

"I have no money, no resources, no hopes. I am the happiest man alive."

-Henry Miller

"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."

-Victor Borge

"Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society."

-William Makepeace Thackeray

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go."

-Oscar Wilde

"The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions - the little, soon-forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look or heartfelt compliment."

-Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"The greatest happiness that you can have is knowing that you do not necessarily require happiness."

-William Saroyan

## Character Quotes

"Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking."

-Jackson Brown, Jr.

"To measure the man, measure his heart."

-Malcolm Stevenson Forbes

"The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do."

-John Holt

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

-Helen Keller

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

-Abraham Lincoln

"Bluntness is a virtue."

-Allison Ling

## Loyalty

"Loyalty is still the same,  
Whether it win or lose the game;  
True as a dial to the sun,  
Although it be not shined upon."

-Samuel Butler

## Jokes

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Just remember, Brian, as much as you have taken a shine to fishing, I want to remind you that as

your father-in-law, I will always have the biggest fish, and the best fish story!

I have no idea why my position here tonight is called Best Man. Now, I've heard people saying "Oh, Goodness, look at Tom. Doesn't he look great?" Then I have heard "The bride is beautiful" "Her gown is gorgeous". I have even heard snippets of how beautiful the bridesmaids were. I guess that I'm not looking as lovely as the rest of the wedding party though because as I was walking up here, some guy tried to give me his drink order. Sir, I am not the waiter!

As I see, there are three things the Groom has to get right on his wedding day. get here before the bride, make sure you have a clear head, and make sure your speech doesn't cut into people's drinking time!

A case of love pure and simple, Stacey is pure and Brian is simple.

Just before I start I'd just like to say [bride] look absolutely stunning as for [groom] well you just look stunned!

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, for those that don't know me, my name is [your first name] Wouldyoulikeadrink. Please feel free to say hello and call me by my full name later on.

Tom, she's a lovely woman. She deserves a good husband. Thank goodness you married her before she found one!

Before I finish, I would like to offer some advice to Tom:

- Never go to bed angry.....always stay up and argue.
- Always remember the three little words....."You're right dear".
- The best way to remember your anniversary is to forget it once.

When Jason asked me to be his Best Man, the first thing that came to mind was ...Why? What had I done wrong? But after careful consideration, and much bribing, I decided to do it anyway.

Here's a toast to marriage, the greatest educational establishment in the world.

First, the MEN'S GUIDE TO FEMALE ENGLISH

We need = I want  
We need to talk = I need to complain  
You're certainly attentive tonight = Is sex all you ever think about?  
Do you love me? = I'm going to ask for something expensive  
I'll be ready in a minute = Kick off your shoes and relax  
Is my butt fat? = Tell me I'm beautiful  
I'm not yelling! = Yes I am yelling because I think this is important  
Second, the WOMEN'S GUIDE TO MALE ENGLISH  
"I'm hungry" = I'm hungry  
"I'm sleepy" = I'm sleepy  
"I'm tired" = I'm tired  
"Do you want to go to a movie?" = looking for some nookie  
"Can I take you out to dinner?" = looking for some nookie  
"Nice dress!" = looking for some nookie  
"You look tense, let me give you a massage." = looking for some nookie

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Brian, Justin's Best Man. I will be skipping the traditional embarrassing stories of the Groom's past, because...well frankly, they all involve me.

Some weeks ago Diana jokingly told me that men think wedding arrangements just take care of themselves. But I read on the Internet that men are always excluded from getting involved in the wedding arrangements because they ask stupid questions all the time... like, 'how much?'

I promise to keep the speech short, since Diana has threatened to cut my throat if I go on too long!

I'm so happy to preside over the only 5 minutes that Stacey didn't plan.

I had a few words prepared to say ahead of time, but now that I am married, my wife has told me what to say instead.

It is said that a great speech has a good beginning and a good ending, and the two are as close together as possible! [pause] Well, tough luck!

Brian? Well, he's Brian. What do you want me to say? Is he perfect? Well not to us, he leaves the toilet lid up, he leaves his dirty clothes around and he doesn't know what a dishwasher is!

May you two share everything in life together equally, including the housework!

I think the biggest bonus of Stacey and Brian dating so long is that we have all gotten to know Brian really, really well...he has become like the little brother I never had... and never wanted!

I would like to offer some advice for the Groom:

- Three of the most important phrases in any marriage are:
  - (1) "You're right, dear"
  - (2) "Okay, buy it!" and
  - (3) "No, you do not look fat in that dress!"
- When you're wrong, admit it. When you're right, shut up.
- And Yes! Women really do need a pair of shoes for every outfit!