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Special Occasion Speech – Wedding Toast

**Introduction**

I. Opening Statement: We are gathered today to celebrate the “L-word:” its meaning, its joy and its culmination in this event.

II. Thesis Statement: But what exactly does the “L-word” mean? Its ambiguity seems to evolve over time: as it’s strikes fear into those high school rookies, yet inebriates those more familiar with it, but enjoyed in unspoken moderation by those veterans.

III. Preview Statement: I want to explore the “L-word,” what its meant to me, and why its so important. Its feeling hard to verbalize, but I will try.

**Body**

I. My ice cream emotion

A. Close your eyes: field, hot day, shade, ice cream cone, dribble down your hand.

a. Describe feeling

b. This situation may not be representative of you

B. Not happiness (too weak of a description), but satisfaction, contentedness, bliss

C. It is a freedom of the soul

II. A disease of the soul

1. Have you ever had allergies?
   1. You can’t focus, you have a hard time breathe
   2. You find that everything looks blurry
   3. Then you take Claritin
2. Its an awakening, a clearing of the mind

III. Bombing a test

1. Have you ever blanked out on a test?
   1. You know you need to say something, but don’t know what to say
   2. Lack of breath, lack of words
2. Utterly and totally in shock
3. Out of words, completely blank

**Conclusion**

I. Summary statement: We are here today to celebrate the “L-word” and the indescribable emotions that it brings. Whether you are here alone or with someone else, we can all share in the excess of L-word here today and be happy for it.

II. Concluding statement: Of course when I say “L-word” I mean liquor. I bet you all got that right?