

A Practical WEDDING



HOW TO WRITE A REALLY GREAT MAID OF HONOR SPEECH



Photo: Vivian Chen

Use this space to brainstorm. Jot down ideas for favorite stories, with the bride/couple. Don't hold back, this is just a space for ideas.



Now review your brainstormed ideas and see if you have a theme that you could focus your speech on.



MAID OF HONOR SPEECH TEMPLATE

Intro:

Storytime:

Advice / Life Lessons / Wishes for the future:

The toast:

QUOTES & TOASTS

YOU CAN STEAL

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person."

–Mignon McLaughlin

"Let there be spaces in your togetherness, And let the winds of the heavens dance between you. Love one another but make not a bond of love: Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls..."

–Kahlil Gibran

"We need a witness to our lives. There's a billion people on the planet. ... I mean, what does any one life mean? But, in a marriage, you're promising to care about everything. The good things, the bad things, the terrible things, the mundane things...all of it, all the time, every day."

–Shall We Dance

"May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now and bless you evermore!"

–Irish Blessing

"May you have love, health, and wealth, but most importantly, may you have the time to enjoy them all."

"A toast: may all sweethearts become married couples, and may all married couples remain sweethearts."

*"May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
The sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand."*

–Irish blessing

*"May your love be like the misty rain,
gentle coming in but flooding the river."*

–African blessing



MORE QUOTES & TOASTS

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"Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction."
—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"Being in love is simply a presentation of our pasts to another individual, mostly packages so unwieldy that we can no longer manage the loosened strings alone."
—Zelda Fitzgerald

"When two people meet and fall in love, there's a sudden rush of magic. Magic is just naturally present then. We tend to feed on that gratuitous magic without striving to make any more. One day we wake up and find that the magic is gone. We hustle to get it back, but by then it's usually too late, we've used it up. What we have to do is work like hell at making additional magic right from the start. It's hard work, but if we can remember to do it, we greatly improve our chances of making love stay."
—Tom Robbins

"Once upon a time there was a boy who loved a girl, and her laughter was a question he wanted to spend his whole life answering."
—Nicole Krauss

"The sun shines not on us but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us. Thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fiber and cell of the substance of our bodies, making them glide and sing. The trees wave and the flowers bloom in our bodies as well as our souls, and every bird song, wind song, and tremendous storm song of the rocks in the heart of the mountains is our song, our very own, and sings our love."
—John Muir, "Mountain Thoughts"

"And once the storm is over you won't remember how you made it through... You won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about."
—Haruki Murakami

"They loved each other, not driven by necessity, by the "blaze of passion" often falsely ascribed to love. They loved each other because everything around them willed it, the trees and the clouds and the sky over their heads and the earth under their feet. Perhaps their surrounding world, the strangers they met in the street, the wide expanses they saw in their walks, the rooms in which they lived or met, took more delight in their love than they themselves did."
—Boris Pasternak, Doctor Zhivago