



Our words from your heart...



Congratulations from **Wedding Words** on being part of a very special event...a wedding! If you are the bride or groom, please accept our sincerest wishes for your wedding and your lives together.

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Brides & Grooms

Each Bride & Groom poem is 1-3 minutes in length. Your value package includes 6 poems:

- *The Journey*
 - *Today*
 - *The Day We Met*
 - *Take My Hand*
 - *One*
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 - **How to Make *Wedding Words* Your Own**
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1. **Practice, practice, practice!** - The more familiar you are with the material, the more confidence you will feel. Be sure to read your poem *many* times, until you are very comfortable with each line.
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4. **Relax-** You are bound to be nervous on your Big Day, and a speech will likely add to your anxiety. Find a way to help you relax just before you speak:
 - Picture yourself in a relaxing setting (on a beach, outdoors, etc.)
 - Find something *detailed* to focus on. Count the number of pews or seats at the ceremony, concentrate on your fiancé, the words of the music, the minister's words...anything that fully occupies your mind.
 - Breathe deeply. Taking 10 slow, deep breaths just before you begin. Count to 5 as you inhale and again as you exhale. It sounds simple, but it really works!
 - Greet the audience or your Bride/Groom. This can 'break the ice' for you and many times it generates a warm smile as well.
5. **Speak up!** - Be sure the people in the back row can hear you clearly. Practice at least once in the room where you will make your speech. This will give you time to request a microphone if you need one.
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7. **The audience is your friend-** Remember that everyone wants you to do well! Picture yourself saying your Wedding Words exactly the way you want them to sound, and visualize your fiancé the audience being moved by your speech.
8. **Stand up straight-** Using good posture will help you look and sound better! Check your posture in a mirror before your Big Day.
9. **Make eye contact-** Be sure to look at your Bride or Groom as you speak, and even at the audience (if that is appropriate). It is fine to glance down at your index card or paper, but be sure that you are making eye contact often during the speech.
10. **Speak from the heart-** Focus on your husband or wife to-be as you speak your words. Look into her/his eyes. Calm your nerves so you can really think about what you are saying and 'feel' the words. Do not be afraid to show emotion as you make your speech, the words should come from your heart.



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- **Revise-** If there is a word or line of a poem that does not suit you, change it! Ensure that the poem is comfortable and meaningful for you.
- **Combine-** Use sections of multiple poems to create one customized poem that is perfect for you. This allows you to say your *Wedding Words*, your way.
- **Explain why you chose the poem-** If there is a specific reason that you selected the poem, share it with everyone before you begin. This is a great way to add a personal touch. This can be as simple as saying, "Mary, when I saw these words I thought of you..." or "These words reminded me of our love," before reading the poem.
- **Decide exactly what you will say-** Be sure to practice your wedding speech exactly as you want to deliver it. That includes any personal stories, quotations, etc. that you decide to add. The more you practice, the better you will feel!

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The Journey

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Familiar and yet unknown.
The start of an incredible journey
That joins our lives together.*

*I was made to look in your eyes, and see myself.
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*All the paths in my life have lead to you, and our love.
Every circumstance has brought me here, to this moment.*

*Come and walk with me
On this journey.
Giving our word that our feet will not drift apart,
But always move in the same direction.*

*In the warm sunlight or the darkest storm,
We will stay the course.
Our commitment will guide us through,
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*We are like two souls with a single mind.
Two hearts, that beat as one.*

*I still get butterflies, when I hear your key in the lock.
And you open the door,
To my heart, and my soul.*

*You are my warm place to come home to.
Even in the hard times,
I know that the fire of our love will burn brightly.*

*Let us be a safe place for one another.
Carry me when I am weak,
And I will carry you.*

*For love is not burdened
By a heavy load.
It bears what is heavy and shines light in the darkness.*

*I am better when I am with you.
My heart cares for you more than itself.
I have found the one my soul loves.*

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The Day We Met

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*I saw you across the way and my heart danced a little-
You were so handsome (or beautiful) standing there.
I had no idea who you were,
I just wanted to know you.*

*And the wheels were set in motion.
I knew I would marry you one day.
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*Your dreams, your easy smile and your big thoughts,
They drew me to you.
How you made me laugh, and think, and love you.*

*Then came the ring, and the tears of knowing
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The one to share my life with,
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*I broke all of my rules when I met you,
And it didn't seem to matter.
I wanted you so much
That it seemed simple.*

*I followed you...and followed my heart,
To a place I had never known.
It surprises me to know that I loved you so much then,
And it is even deeper still.*

*How I bless that day when we met.
It was meant to be.
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Note: This poem can be customized to fit how you and your fiancé met. You could begin by sharing how you met or revise the poem to better fit your experience.



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*When I stopped looking outside myself,
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I saw you there.*

*I have found the right person.
And I am ready to be the right person, for you.*

*I want to give the best years of my life
To the one who will make them the best.*

*I am yours alone,
And you are mine.
So joined together that we
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*I will not walk ahead of you,
Or fall behind.
I will stand beside you
Always.*

*Take my hand
And we can hold each other up.*

*Take my heart
And nothing can come between us.*

*Take this ring,
And we become one.*

*Take my name
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Note: Brides may want to revise the last 2 lines to better fit. “Take my name” can be omitted and brides slightly change the final line “Let’s begin the journey as man and wife.”



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*Meeting you has changed me.
Can you see just how much?
I am better with you than I am alone.*

*We complete each other.
So I choose not to go on,
Without you.*

*It is the choice to love deeply
That makes us better and stronger.
If you were lost,
A part of myself would be gone.*

*A true love can bend without breaking.
I know our love will be tested,
But we will not break-
Our love will not fail.*

*We will be strengthened by our commitment
To put each other first,
To listen, and to forgive.*

*Let us become one from this day forward.
Causing the emptiness of solitude to drift away,
And filling our days with
Laughter, companionship and love.*

*I bring this ring that was made to fit your finger,
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*My eyes opened
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And I grew to love the person I saw.*

*Even now, nobody thinks it will work,
But all we need is each other.
Every great success
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*My doubts have faded away.
Now I know that you are the one for me-
The only one.
Of this I am certain.*

*I am also certain that we will
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But we have already come through so much,
I know we are ready for the hard times.*

*There is very little required
For us to be happy.
We just need love and commitment,
And I pledge that to you now.*

*No matter what happens
I will not walk away.
I will be here when the sun shines on our backs,
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*I am your partner
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*Seriously, I could not be happier for you both.
And although I do not know all the secrets of a perfect marriage,
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*And I see two people whose happiness is wrapped up in one another.
Each one is more concerned with giving joy
Then taking it for themselves.*

*Love one another and you will be happy.
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Marriage is as simple and difficult as that.*

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Best Man Toast #2: Personal Story

(Groom's Name) and (Bride's Name), on this very special day, we hope that your "better or worse" will always be much better than worse.

I have known (Groom's name) (since he was insert age, OR for just a short time, OR for many years, etc. A personal story works well here) and although there are many (more) stories I could tell, I do not know everything about him. But I do know that he loves (Bride's name).

It has been said that loving someone is something, but being loved by someone is everything. Today (Groom's name) and (Bride's name) have everything. .

*Remember the vows you both made today.
If you live them every day, you will know a happy marriage.*

*Your work does not end here ...it is only just beginning.
It is okay to fall in love over and over, just be sure it is always with one another.*

*Today your lives are joined in one unbroken circle, just like the rings you now wear.
Wherever you go, may you always return to one another.*

*And may you carry the joy of this day in your hearts forever.
Congratulations...To Mr. and Mrs. (Groom's Name).*



Note: This toast is a great one to add a personal story about the groom. In the second paragraph talk about how you and the Groom met or add a funny story about you and the Groom. Modify this paragraph slightly to fit your story. For example, after your story say, "and although there are many more stories I could tell..."



Our words from your heart...

Best Man Toast #2: Personal Story

(Groom's Name) and (Bride's Name), on this very special day, we hope that your "better or worse" will always be much better than worse.

I have known (Groom's name) (since he was insert age, OR for just a short time, OR for many years, etc. A personal story works well here) and although there are many (more) stories I could tell, I don't know everything about him.

But I do know that he loves (Bride's name).

It has been said that loving someone is something, but being loved by someone is everything. Today (Groom's name) and (Bride's name) have everything.

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*Remember the vows you both made today.
If you live them every day, you will know a happy marriage.*

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*Today your lives are joined in one unbroken circle, just like the rings you now wear.
Wherever you go, may you always return to one another.*

*And may you carry the joy of this day in your hearts forever.
Congratulations...To Mr. and Mrs. (Groom's Name).*

Best Man Toast #3: Best Friend

(Grooms Name) I have known you for so long that I almost felt like your "other half," and of course your better half. Then you met (Bride's Name) and something changed...you met your soul mate.

When you talked about her, or just said her name, I could hear the sounds of forever in your voice. And when you are with her, I can see the light in your eyes...and in your heart.

I have thought a lot about the words of wisdom I could share with you and (Bride's Name) today...and the word that came to mind was...run.

Run to each other, run with each other, run beside each other, and be sure to enjoy the race. If you both commit today that you will never run away from each other, you will have the perfect marriage.

From the Best Man, to my best friend...you have found the best woman. May your lives together be everything you've dreamed of.

Congratulations to you (Groom's Name) and your better half, (Bride's Name).



Note: This toast is also a great one to add a personal story about the Groom. In the first paragraph you might tell a story or a funny or nostalgic experience that you and the Groom shared. You could insert your story just after saying the first sentence, and introduce it simply by saying, "I remember the time (Groom's Name) and I..." After completing the story, continue with the lines of toast, picking up with, "And then something changed...you met your soul mate."



Our words from your heart...

Best Man Toast #3: Best Friend

(Grooms Name) I have known you for so long that I almost felt like your "other half," and of course your better half. Then you met (Bride's Name) and something changed...you met your soul mate.

When you talked about her, or just said her name, I could hear the sounds of forever in your voice. And when you are with her, I can see the light in your eyes...and in your heart.

I have thought a lot about the words of wisdom I could share with you and (Bride's Name) today...and the word that came to mind was...run.

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From the Best Man, to my best friend...you have found the best woman.

May your lives together be everything you've dreamed of. Congratulations to you (Groom's Name) and your better half, (Bride's Name).