



Groom and Bride

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Our Wedding Day

Celebrated at

*Villa Botanica, Woodwark
Whitsunday's Queensland*

Sunday the 24th Day of January 2011



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The Wedding of Groom and Bride



Introduction

Real love in marriage is something beyond the warmth and glow, the excitement and romance of being deeply in love. It is caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your marriage partner as about your own.

Real love is not being totally absorbed in each other. It is looking outward in the same direction together. Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them. It makes joys more intense because you share them. It makes you stronger so you can reach out and become involved with life in ways you dared not risk alone.

The beautiful thing about love is that it's an experience we share with the whole of mankind throughout the world. And yet to everyone who falls in love, it is the most unique, precious thing in the world. A really happy marriage is founded on love. Love works in ways that are wondrous and strange. There is nothing in life that love cannot change.

Love is, of its nature, unselfish, understanding and kind. Love sees with the heart and not so much with the mind. There can be no stronger bond between husband and wife to ensure and secure a happy married life. Harmonious wedded life is a precious gain to both man and woman, because as we said before, joys are increased and sorrows diminished by being shared. Marriage increases the scope of responsibility, but it also adds the dimension of love to life, giving it new meaning and new purpose.

To Groom and Bride

On this day Groom and Bride, the day of your marriage, you stand somewhat apart from others by this open expression of your love. And this is as should be, but love is not meant to be the possession of two people alone. Rather it should serve as a source of common energy, an energy that gives you the strength to live your lives with joy and courage.

Reading

Groom and Bride, this reading is adapted from 1st Corinthians 13. It speaks to us about the love you share as an ideal in your relationship.

Groom and Bride,

Love is always patient and kind, it is never jealous

Love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish

It does not take offence, and is not resentful

Love takes no pleasure in other people's faults

But it delights in the truth.

It is always ready to excuse, to trust, and to hope

It is always ready to endure whatever comes, and finally

True love does not come to an end.



Statement from the Marriage Act *(Legal requirement)*

My name is Ivan Conway, I am an Authorised Marriage Celebrant duly authorised to solemnise marriages according to law. Before you, Groom and you Bride are joined in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I have an obligation to remind you of the solemn and binding nature of the relationship into which you are now about to enter.

Marriage according to law in Australia is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

The Giving Away of the Bride

When thinking people conclude what are the real values in life, and come to decide what really matters – it is human relationships.

One of the most understated but deepest relationships in human life is that between the caring father and the loving daughter. One of the rare occasions this relationship is acknowledged is at a wedding ceremony. ***(father, brother, son)** represents all of us, he particularly represents his family, but today in a special gesture, he symbolises his own personal love for his ***(daughter, sister, mother)**. So mindful of these values I now ask him. -- Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

(*) to respond: I do.

The Asking *(Must precede the marriage vows)*

Groom and Bride, I now ask you to affirm to each other that you freely choose to combine your lives in matrimony together. Are you ready to do so?

Groom and Bride Respond: We are.

Groom, will you take Bride to be your lawful wedded wife? Will you love and respect her, be honest with her, and stand by her through whatever may come, so that you can genuinely share your life together?

Groom to respond: I will

Bride, will you take Groom to be your lawful wedded husband? Will you love and respect him, be honest with him, and stand by him through whatever may come, so that you can genuinely share your life together?

Bride to respond: I will

Our Marriage Vows *(Legally required)*

Groom: *(I call on all present to witness that I, Groom, take you, Bride, as my wedded wife), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, for the rest of my life.*

Bride: *(I call on all present to witness that I, Bride, take you, Groom, as my wedded husband), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, for the rest of my life.*



The Giving and Receiving of the Rings



Groom to place the ring on Bride's finger.

Groom: *Bride, I give this ring to you as my personal gift. It is my promise of love and trust, and pride that you are my wife.*

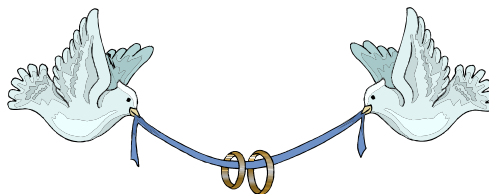
Bride to place the ring on Groom's Finger.

Bride: *Groom, I give this ring to you as my personal gift. It is my promise of love and trust, and pride that you are my husband.*



Ivan:

*The roundness of these rings
Betokens the endlessness of love.
Their pure metal speaks of the purity of love.
Their value reminds us that
We should defend and protect
That which we hold most valuable in life.
You will wear them with love and with honour.*



This beautiful poem is called, "To a Marriage" by Brian Zouch.

To Groom & Bride

*In your hands you hold the key to life
The key to open up the door of love
The strength to face together joy or strife
And all of human frailties rise above*

*You take a vow this day to be as one
In all you do – in all that you aspire
And let there be no one beneath the sun
Who'd seek to put asunder your desire.*

*And let us wish this knot we tie this day
Be firm and strong against the test of time
And let our children's children say
That all was good and right and fine.
And so in all humility and in this place
We cast your love into the hands of fate
For it is written true that all you face
If faced with love, you'll triumph and be great.*

*For greatness lies within the souls of lovers
There is no power can tear it from your grasp
It bonds your hearts as one, to one another's
As Alpha and Omega – first and last.*

*So go you forward from this place this day
And as you journey 'long the road of life
Know that you stand together, come what may
For true love comes just once, not twice, not thrice.*

The Declaration of Marriage (*Legal requirement*)

Groom and Bride you have declared before us that you will live together in marriage. You have made special promises to each other. You have symbolised it by joining hands, taking vows and by exchanging rings. So therefore, according to my appointed authority and in the presence of these witnesses, I now declare you to be husband and wife.

Groom you may now kiss your Bride.

The Signing of the Register and Marriage Certificate

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Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Groom and Bride