

Gary and Yan
Jackson, NH
November 20th, 2020
11:30am

Welcome:

On behalf of Gary and Yan, I would like to welcome you all here and thank you for joining us on this very special day. The bride and groom wish to thank all of their friends and family who could be with them here today. Your presence here, to be witnesses on this day, shows this couple how much you care about them and is greatly appreciated.

Intentions:

Gary, will you have Yan as your wife, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful husband? Do you promise to base your life with Yan on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and to receive, and to be considerate of her wishes and desires?

Gary: I WILL

Yan, will you have Gary as your husband, in times of good fortune as well as adversity, forsaking all others to be a kind and faithful wife? Do you promise to base your life with Gary on love, caring and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and to receive, and to be considerate of his wishes and desires?

Yan: I WILL

Vows:

Gary, please repeat after me

Yan, you are my best friend.
I choose you to be my wedded wife
from this day forward,
to have and to hold
as equal partner in my life
to whom I give my deepest love and devotion.
I humbly open my heart to you
as a sanctuary of warmth and peace,
where you may come and find
a refuge of love and strength.
I will love you enough to risk being hurt,
trust you when I don't understand,
weep with you in heartache,
and celebrate life with you in joy.
I will accept you as my equal
for as long as I shall live.

Yan, please repeat after me

严，请跟我念

Gary, you are my best friend.

加里，你是我最好的朋友。

I choose you to be my wedded husband

我选择你做我的丈夫结婚

from this day forward,
从今往后,

to have and to hold
并举办有

as equal partner in my life
正如我在生活中的平等伙伴

to whom I give my deepest love and devotion.
我向他们给我最深的爱和奉献。

I humbly open my heart to you
我谦恭地向你敞开心扉

as a sanctuary of warmth and peace,
作为一种温暖与和平的避难所，

where you may come and find
在那里你可以来找

a refuge of love and strength.
一个充满爱和力量的避难所。

I will love you enough to risk being hurt,
我爱你有足够的风险受到伤害，
trust you when I don't understand,
相信你当我不明白，

weep with you in heartache,
心痛你在哭泣，

and celebrate life with you in joy.
并在喜悦庆祝生命。

I will accept you as my equal
我会接受你为我的平等

for as long as I shall live.
只要我会活下去。

Reading:

When Gary and Yan met, she told him a Chinese love story about Fish and Water. Gary knew after reading it that something was very special about Yan and that fate had directed them together.

Fish and Water fell in love with each other, but Water could not possibly be still in one place forever, and it has to flow continually, without an end.

When fish told Water that she loved him, Water said nothing in response, although he also loved fish very much.

Then Fish told her mother that she loved Water and her mother told her that it was impossible, as a fish could only marry a fish, and even then, only the same kind of fish! Fish felt sad after she heard this, but she did not stop loving Water.

One day, Fish said to Water, "I want to be with you no matter where you go." Water answered, "no, you can not do that, as I do not know where I will flow, and I might even disappear one day, then you would die without water being around you."

Fish said, “you can not see my tears, as they are in water.”

Water answered, “I can feel your tears, as they are in my heart.”

Every one knew that a fish can not live without water, but Fish does not care for anything except being able to be with water.

So Fish decided to go with Water no matter where he went. Fish swims in Water’s arms every day, and Water keeps on flowing every day. They enjoy each other’s company, and they are really very happy.

Gary and Yan, we all hope that you will you be very happy in your marriage together.

Exchange of the Rings:

The rings which you are about to exchange mark the beginning of a long and wonderful journey together. They are a symbol of eternity, a circle which has no end. Let your rings serve as a reminder of this day you have chosen and of the love that you share. As a ring is unbroken, so too will your love for each other be without end. May your life together express a growing unity with this exchange.

Gary, as you place the ring on Yan’s finger, please repeat after me:

Yan, the words I say to you now,
are words I say in friendship, respect and love.
I see in you a strong, growing partner,
The person with whom I wish to share my life
I offer you all the days before me,
No matter what may come our way.

I choose you as my wife,
Take this ring as a symbol of my commitment.

Yan, as you place the ring on Gary's finger, please repeat after me:

Gary, the words I say to you now,
加里的话我现在就告诉你们

are words I say in friendship, respect and love.
话我是在友谊，尊重和爱说。

I see in you a strong, growing partner,
我看到了你一个强大，越来越多的合作伙伴，

The person with whom I wish to share my life
我想与之分享我生命的人

I offer you all the days before me,
我给你所有的日子在我面前，

No matter what may come our way.
无论发生什么我们的方式。

I choose you as my husband,
我选择你作为我的丈夫，

Take this ring as a symbol of my commitment.
以此为标志，我承诺这个戒指。

Pronouncement:

Today I am privileged to share with you the moment you begin your new life together. In the years ahead, may you always apply tenderness and strength to the trials that may befall you. May your love be a shield from the unpredictability of life. May you remember to rejoice in good times and good fortune and may you always appreciate the life you have found with each other.

Closing:

And now, it gives me great privilege to say, By the power vested in me, by the state of New Hampshire, I now pronounce you Husband and Wife. You may now kiss the bride.