

Rob and Katie
September 29th, 2015
Omni Mt Washington
11:00 am

Welcome:

On behalf of Rob and Katie, I would like to welcome you all here and thank you for joining us on this magnificent day in the White Mountains.

For many of you, it was not easy to get here – we realize New Hampshire can be a trek – and the bride and groom want to thank all of their friends and family who could make the journey.

Your presence here, to be witnesses on this day, shows this couple how much you care about them, and it means a lot to them. For those who are not with us, Rob and Katie thank you for your gifts from above and feel blessed to have you watching over us today and always.

Marriage is about sharing not only the joys and successes, but also the burdens of sorrow along life's path. That sharing is priceless, such understanding of deep hardships and great achievements make it easier to live with our problems and worries. Together, these experiences form a bond that solidifies memories for a lifetime.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives. This sharing does not diminish the individuality of each partner; it enhances it. A good and balanced relationship is one in which neither person is overpowered or absorbed by the other. A marriage that lasts is one which is continually developing and

adapting, and in which each person continues to grow as an individual.

To quote the writer, Amy Bloom:

Marriage is not a ritual or an end. It is a long, intricate, intimate dance together and nothing matters more than your own sense of balance and your choice of partner.

Reading:

Rob and Katie's sisters Kyle, Jennifer, Christine, and Andrea and are going to read *Oh The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss, a fun story applicable to each of us on life's journey.

Oh the Places You'll Go - Dr Seuss

Kyle:

Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to Great Places!

You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself

any direction you choose.

You're on your own. And you know what you know.

And YOU are the couple who'll decide where to go.

Jennifer:

You'll look up and down streets. Look 'em over with care.

About some you will say, "We don't choose to go there."

With your heads full of brains and your shoes full of feet,
you're too smart to go down, any not-so-good street.

And you may not find any

you'll want to go down.
In that case, of course,
you'll head straight out of town.
It's opener there
in the wide open air,
Out there things can happen
and frequently do
to people as brainy
and footsy as you.

Christine:

And when things start to happen,
don't worry. Don't stew.
Just go right along.
You'll start happening too.

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!
You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers
who soar to great heights!
You won't lag behind, because you'll have all the speed.
You'll pass the whole gang, and you'll soon take the lead.
Wherever you fly you'll be best of the best.
Wherever you go, you will top all the rest.

Andrea:

Except when you don't.
Because sometimes, you won't.
You'll get mixed up of course,
as you already know.

You'll get mixed up
with so many strange birds as you go.
So be sure when you step.
Step with great care and great tact
and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act.
Just never forget to be dexterous and deft.
And never mix up your right foot with your left.
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will indeed!
(100 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed.)
KIDS, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!
So, be your names Katie and Rob
you're off to great places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So ... get on your way!

~pause

Intentions:

Rob, will you have Katie as your wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, 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 Katie 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?

Rob: I DO

Katie, will you have Rob as your husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, 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 Rob 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?

Katie: I DO

Vows:

The couple have written their own vows and we will begin with Rob

KATIE, the words I say to you, now
Are the ones I have waited a lifetime to speak
Ones I say in love and in confidence
I see you as my best friend, my partner,
And my sinus node, you are my heart beat
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 freely take you as my wife

ROB, the words I say to you, now
Are the ones I have waited a lifetime to speak
Ones I say in love and in confidence
I see you as my best friend, my partner
The other half of my heart, my ventricle
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 freely take you as my husband

Rings:

Brett, may I have the rings, please?

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 your union 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.

Rob, as you put the ring on Katie's finger, please repeat after me:

Take this ring as a symbol of my love for you

Katie, as you put the ring on Rob's finger, please repeat after me:

Take this ring as a symbol of my love for you

Pronouncement:

Today we are privileged to share with Rob and Katie, the moment they begin their new life together. In the years ahead may their wisdom be steadily increased, that they may always apply tenderness and strength to the trials that may befall them. May their love and compassion serve to guide them with openness and acceptance through the unpredictability of life. May they remember to rejoice in each other in good times and good

fortune and may they always appreciate the life they 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.