

Mary and John  
Jackson, NH  
September 30th, 2016  
6:00 pm

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. And that is what brings us here tonite.

**Intentions:**

Mary, will you have John 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 John on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and receive, and to be considerate of his wishes and desires?

Mary: I will

John, will you have Mary 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 Mary on love, caring, and understanding? Do you pledge to speak and to listen, to give and receive, and to be considerate of her wishes and desires?

John: I will

## **Vows:**

Mary, please repeat after me

John, I take you to be my best friend,  
my faithful partner and my one true love.  
I promise to encourage you and inspire you  
and to love you truly through good times and bad.  
I will forever be there to laugh with you,  
to lift you up when you are down  
and to love you unconditionally  
through all of our adventures in life together.

John, please repeat after me

Mary, I take you to be my best friend,  
my faithful partner and my one true love.  
I promise to encourage you and inspire you  
and to love you truly through good times and bad.  
I will forever be there to laugh with you,  
to lift you up when you are down  
and to love you unconditionally  
through all of our adventures in life together.

## **Rings:**

The rings that you are about to exchange mark the beginning of a long journey together. They are also a symbol of infinity, time without end. Let your rings be a reminder of your union, and of the love that you share. As a ring is unbroken, so will your love for each other be without end.

Mary, as you place the ring on John's finger, please repeat after me:

John, please take this ring as a symbol of our vows.  
Know that I love you  
And I will treasure our friendship  
and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

John, as you place the ring on Mary's finger, please repeat after me:

Mary, please take this ring as a symbol of our vows.  
Know that I love you  
And I will treasure our friendship  
and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

**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 that you found with each other.

**Closing:**

And now, it gives me great pleasure to say:  
By the power vested in me by the State of New Hampshire, I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss your bride!