



Everything Except Choosing Your Groom

Best Mans Speech

Someone once said that delivering a best man speech is a little like being asked to kiss the Queen Mother; it's a great honour but nobody wants to do it! If you have been asked to speak at a wedding, don't worry, it's not as hard as it looks. As long as you speak from the heart, and keep it simple and sweet, your best man speech will go perfectly.

Do's and Don'ts of Giving a Best Man Speech

Do keep it personal

Don't make it embarrassing

Do make a joke or two if you want to

Don't make it so funny that the bride and groom won't be laughing

Do take the time to say what you want to say

Don't talk just for the sake of talking; don't upstage the bride and groom

Do thank the people who helped make the day possible, especially the parents of the bride and groom

Don't forget their names

Do try to relax before you get up to speak

Don't drink so much that you can't keep your composure

Writing a Best Man Speech

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Example of a Best Man Speech

Everyone – if I could get your attention. I'd just like to say a few words. My name is Mark, and I have the great fortune of being both a great friend of the bride and the older – and wiser – brother of the groom, as well as the best man.

You older brothers in the room will know what I mean when you say you never expect your younger brother to grow up. Somehow, mentally, he will always be the guy pestering you to borrow your bike, or going on his first date, or stealing your favourite comic book and then leaving it out in the rain even though he knew you loved it! But clearly that's ancient history!

And then one day, you turn around, and he's graduating high school, and coming out with you to the bars, and begging you to introduce him to your attractive and smart friend. Or in his words at the time, "Come on! She's really hot and you've already got a girlfriend."

Truth be told, other friends had asked me to introduce them to (bride) before, and I'd often dodge the task, if only because I knew (bride) to be a genuine catch, and I wanted to make sure I set her up with the right person. So when (Groom) asked me, I admit, I procrastinated some. But fortunately, (Groom) isn't one to wait around. One day, I was surprised to see them deep in conversation, and they both had this spark about them that I'd never seen before.

So I may be the older and wiser brother, but in this case, (Groom) was the smart one because he didn't let a procrastinator get in his way. And I'm so happy he didn't, because (Groom) and (bride) truly bring out the best in each other, encouraging each other's curiosities, supporting each other through the tough times, and cheering each other on always.

Now, if you'll all join me in raising a glass to our happy couple, Jason and Julie. May the joys you share today be the beginning of a lifetime of great happiness and fulfilment.

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Best Man Toasts

I suggest pairing these with a few heartfelt sentiments about the bride and groom;

Here's to the bride - may she share everything with her husband...and that includes the housework.

Here's to the groom, a man who kept his head even while he lost his heart.

Here's to the new husband, and here's to the new wife, may they remain lovers, for all of life.

Let your love endure beyond the last sunset.

May thy life be long and happy,
Thy cares and sorrows few;
And the many friends around thee
Prove faithful, fond and true.
May your voyage through life be as happy and as free
As the dancing waves on the deep blue sea

May your love be added, may it never be subtracted, may your household multiply, and may your hearts never be divided!!

(Groom), take (Bride)'s hand and place your hand over hers. Now, remember this moment and cherish it... because this will be the last time you'll ever have the upper hand!"

May a flock of blessings light upon thy back. (Shakespeare - Romeo and Juliet)

Here's to the groom with bride so fair,
And here's to the bride with groom so rare!
Here's to marriage: one soul in two bodies.

Here's to the prettiest, here's to the wittiest, here's to the truest of all who are true,
here's to the neatest one, here's to the sweetest one, here's to them in one – here's to you!

But rich or poor, quick or slow,
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.

For each petal on the shamrock this brings a wish your way.
Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day.

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Health and a long life to you.
Land without rent to you.
A child every year to you.
And if you can't go to heaven,
May you at least die in Ireland.

Here's to a sweetheart, a bottle, and a friend.
The first beautiful, the second full, the last ever faithful.

Here's to health and prosperity,
To you and all your posterity.
And them that doesn't drink with sincerity,
That they may be damned for all eternity!

Look down you gods, and on this couple drop a blessed crown

May "for better or worse" be far better than worse.

May all your hopes and dreams come true, and may the memory of this day become
dearer with each passing year.

May God be with you and bless you.

May I see you grey
And combing your grandchildren's hair.

May the best of your yesterdays be the worst of your tomorrows

May the blessings of light be upon you,
Light without and light within.
And in all your comings and goings,
May you ever have a kindly greeting
From them you meet along the road.

May the future hold your happiness, May the future hold your health. May your heart
hold your love, and may your arms hold your babies, yet to come. Here's to your future
happiness together!

May the joys of today
Be those of tomorrow.
The goblets of life
Hold no dregs of sorrow.

May the joys you share today be the beginning of a lifetime of great happiness and
fulfillment

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May the light of friendship guide your paths together.
May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.
May the joy of living for one another trip a smile from your lips,
a twinkle from your eye.

May the love you've expressed to each other today always be the first thoughts during
any trying times in the future.

May the most you wish for
Be the least you get.

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.
And may you be in Heaven
a half hour before the devil knows you're dead."

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine warm on your windowpane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

May there be a generation of children
On the children of your children.

May we never forget what is worth remembering or remember what is best forgotten.

May you be friends to each other as only lovers can; and may you love each other as
only best friends can.

May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
Slow to make enemies,
And quick to make friends.

May you both live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live

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May you get all your wishes but one,
So you always have something to strive for.
May you grow old together on one pillow.

May you have all the happiness
and luck that life can hold—
And at the end of all your rainbows
may you find a pot of gold.

May you have food and raiment, A soft pillow for your head, May you be 100 years in
heaven Before the devil know you're dead

May you have love, health & wealth; but most importantly, may you have the time to
enjoy them all.

May you have warm words on a cold evening,
A full moon on a dark night,
And the road downhill all the way to your door.

May you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.

May you live each day like your last, and live each night like your first.

May you never lie, cheat or drink. But if you must lie, lie with each other. And if you
must cheat, cheat death. And if you must drink, drink with us for we all love you and
wish you both the love and happiness of which you deserve.

May you see each other through many dark days,
and make all the rest a little brighter.

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