BEST MAN SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone! I’m Daniel Maroney and I am very honored to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s best man. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I have been good friends for a long time and it is fantastic to be here and see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**bride**) embark on their married life. It’s great to see such a gathering of good friends and family who have all come together to celebrate and dance at this very special wedding. To all the people who have joined us from out of town, Welcome! To the bride’s parents (**name them if you like**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the groom’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the families of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, congratulations and thanks for making such a beautiful party! Although everyone here loves and appreciates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s special sense of humor …and I’m sure we could share some really funny stories, today, as I stand here before all of you, … and by the way, may I say that you all look “simply **MAHvelous**” (**try to say this a little like Billy Crystal as Fernando and wait for the laugh**), I am inspired to share a few thoughts about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: the man, the friend, the groom.

(**Say this with mock seriousness**) Being all dressed up in this tux and seeing how great the bride, groom and all of the wedding party look, I am reminded of the words of Lloyd, as he spoke to Harry, in the movie classic, “Dumb and Dumber.” He said, “All we need to do is show a little class, a little sophistication and we’re in like …….” …And that’s what I’m about to do now. I met \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago and we’ve been friends ever since. Anyone who knows him and has spent time with him knows \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ loves life. It has been my privilege to know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “up close and personal,” as “they” say. There’s so much about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I respect and value in a friend. Someone once said, “A true friend is someone who thinks that you’re a good egg even though he knows you are slightly cracked.” The truth is, it’s those little cracks and creaks that give us personality and character, and it’s up to good friends to appreciate us and guide us and be there for us as we develop and learn and move on to new and exciting phases of our lives. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one of those people who help to keep **MY** life together even as he totally “**cracks** me up,” and I am there for him as well. Whether he is embarking on an exciting future with a career in advertising, or using his impressive skills as an accomplished DJ, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knows how to get his point across, light up a room, and get those molecules moving! I love his carefree approach to life and the way he is true to himself is really an inspiration. He is one of the most resilient people I know. He tries never to let anything break his optimism or compromise the person that he wants to be, and believe me, we can all learn from his positive approach to life.

As much as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ loves to channel his “inner goofball,” he also knows a good thing when he sees it and clearly that was the case when he met \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ make a great couple and I really admire the way they compliment and “**complement**” each other. As they begin their life together, I can see how they will teach each other and each will grow thanks to their bond. There was an English author named Vita Sackville-West, and she said, “There is nothing more lovely in life than the union of two people whose love for one another has grown through the years, from the small acorn …, into a great rooted tree.” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**Groom**), I liked this quote because it reminds me of how you’re just a little but “nuts,” but I also see it as an affirmation of the future for you and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. With your resilience and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s devotion and love for you, I just know you will grow strong and loving roots for years to come (**If you want to be funny, you can add**) … and I hope I’m not getting too “**sappy**.”

The setting of this wedding at this beautiful golf course has inspired me to make a toast to our bride and groom. Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite you to raise a glass in honor of Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, may your life together be as beautiful and inspiring as this golf course- May you both blossom and thrive in your new marriage “club,” may you avoid the “sand traps” of life, and may you always be happy, healthy, and rollin’ in the green! You are each other’s ace in the hole and we all congratulate you and wish you a long and happy life together!

Thank you!