WEDDING SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone!! It’s wonderful to be here to celebrate the marriage of our beautiful daughter, Maryam, to Hamed. (**Name your wife**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I want to thank all of you for being here and sharing our joy. Occasions like these are a wonderful opportunity to remember why we are all here as we all connect and recognize life’s true intentions. A wedding is an affirmation of life, love, the future, and our purpose here on earth. We welcome all of you with open arms and open hearts. Today we are all family as we celebrate the joining of two wonderful families, the (**Name of groom’s family**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s and ours, the Hedayazadeh’s. To those of you who are with us everyday, thank you for sharing this very special occasion with us. For those of you who have traveled from far and wide to be with us and witness this marriage, we are honored that you are here. We really appreciate all that you have invested to be here and share our joy. We will always cherish this moment, made so special thanks to all of you. **(If any of Hamed’s family are there, please say**) To all of Hamed’s family and friends that are here today, we want to especially welcome all of you. Today begins the first day of our newly extended family and we look forward to many, many wonderful celebrations with all of you, Maryam, and Hamed.

Please don’t ask a father which of his children is his favorite…(**Say this with expression and wait for the laugh**) and please, please, don’t ask me that question!!! I have (**Number of children**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very special and gifted children: (**Name your children**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Maryam. (**Turn to Maryam and say**) Maryam, you are lovely and loveable, funny, smart and wise beyond your years. Anyone that knows you can clearly see all of your gifts of caring, compassion and intelligence. I am proud to call you my daughter. I remember when you were a little girl, how you used to (**Mention one incident or thing that Maryam did as a child that showed how special she was**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Even back then, you made it clear to everyone that the world would be a better place with you in it. And now here you are as a beautiful young woman with a wonderful career as a (**Name her career**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and a husband that loves and supports your goals and dreams in life. It doesn’t get better than that! You and Hamed have my seal of approval!!

The Persian poet Rumi said, “Who could be so lucky? Who comes to a lake for water and sees the reflection of moon.” To Maryam and Hamed, I can see that you came together in a meeting of the minds and I also see the reflection of each of you in the other, and that reflection multiplies and creates so much joy between you and fills any room the two of you are in. You feed each other with ideas and challenges, love and friendship, partnership and pride, the present and the future. The two of you are an inspiration!

A wise woman once said, “Being married is like having someone permanently in your corner; it feels **limitless**, not limited.” To me, when I look at the two of you, the world is eager to embrace the two of you as husband and wife! I’d like to invite everyone to raise a glass as I propose a toast to our bride and groom:

Here’s to Maryam and Hamed. May your love and respect be as limitless as your future together! May you have several lifetimes of happiness, health, prosperity and joy, and here’s to many future generations of Hedayazadeh- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s (**Hamed’s last name**)! Congratulations! We love you!!

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WEDDING GUEST BOOK COMMENTS

For Maryam and Hamed, wishing you congratulations and much love, and may you look back on this book in years to come and remember and honor the love and respect, friendship and compassion that has built and strengthened your bond and marriage. With all my love, your father (**or whatever appropriate term of endearment your daughter uses for you**)