BEST MAN SPEECH

FOR

MATTHEW HERRING

Hello everyone! It’s so great to be here at Kyle and Summer’s wedding and I am really honored to be Kyle’s best man. This is a really beautiful wedding and Kyle and Summer, I’ve never seen the two of you happier…. sillier maybe, but not happier!! You both look fantastic, and Summer; I want you to know that today you’re more beautiful than any Disney princess I **OR YOU** can even imagine!! Some of you may not know this, but Kyle and I have known each other for most of our lives and honestly, I am proud to let you all know he’s like a brother to me. We’ve witnessed the twists and turns in each others’ lives and I have to say Kyle, that you showed a much better sense of direction in choosing Summer for your wife than when we started off for Six Flags and wound up in Mexico!!! (**Wait for the laugh**) More about that later!!

When I was a kid, around eight years old, I never would have thought that when the home next to ours was empty, that my instant best friend would move in. Well he did. And his name was Kyle, and the rest is history. The legend of Matthew and Kyle began way back then, and there have been some wild rides…even in his Prius or my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**name your car**) way before and ever since. Kyle has a really great heart and his generosity is beyond words. I can’t imagine….. (**Stop quickly and say**) Wait a minute!!! I know today’s a really emotional day and it’s great to be the best man, but **ME**??? Getting mushy??? Hold on a minute!!! (**Act like you’re talking to yourself and say**) **Matthew!!!** **Lighten up!!** (**Wait for the laugh**). There are so many great memories I have of Kyle. I think I’ll go for the more “unforgettable” ones. We all know what a great baseball player and power hitter Kyle is and was. Imagine having the chance to travel with him to Arizona to watch him play baseball in the Junior Olympics. Wow!! He did really well…. um, that is right up until he and his coach thought it would be a really fun idea to wrestle… and oh…did I mention??? Kyle broke his leg!! What a career boost **THAT** was!! Who can ever forget the time we took that wrong turn and wound up in Mexico? I was driving and Kyle was wingman. (**Turn to Summer and say**) Summer, I’m sure you’ll never forget that trip…. by the way-did you ask for a GPS in your wedding registry?? (**Wait for the laugh**). And Kyle, I think everyone knows of your love for electronics and technology and anime cartoons. I love to watch how you enjoy your new TV’s every year as they get more and more, uh, anorexic??? (**Wait for the laugh**). I heard that within the next few years you’ll be able to get a TV as thin as a piece of paper…would THAT be thin enough for you?? (**Wait for the laugh**). In all honesty though, I have to say that Kyle, I really do feel that you and I are closer than brothers and I know that my life is a lot richer knowing that you’re there for me, and I’m there for you.

I’m sure we all believe that a really great guy deserves an equally great girl, and Kyle found one when he met Summer. You can tell what a person is like by the friends he makes and the relationships he keeps, and here am I, sixteen years later and we’re still best friends and then there’s Summer, Kyle’s high school “sweetheart.” Summer, I want you to know how happy I am for you and Kyle. We both know how generous and caring he is and how he goes out of his way to make sure everyone is happy, and now he has you-the “power baker” behind the “Power hitter!” May you both be happier than Lucy and Ricky on a really big dose of “Vitameatavegamin,” and may your home be the new “Happiest Place on Earth”… even more so than Disneyland!! You bring out the real romantic in Kyle and may the magic never end!

I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast to our bride and groom. To Summer and Kyle: May your marriage be **MUCH** longer than our never ending quest for the perfect game of Final Fantasy. May you have more “wet and wild fun” than a totally unplanned trip to SeaWorld, may you both never run out of stuff to write on love notes placed all over the house, and of course at this very important point on **YOUR** circle of life,

(**These are the real lyrics of the theme song from the Lion King-“Circle of Life.” Recite them with mock seriousness**)

“From the day we arrive on the planet

And blinking, step into the sun

There’s more to see than can ever be seen. There’s more to do than can ever be done

There’s far too much to take in here

More to find than can ever be found

But the sun rolling high

Through the sapphire sky

Keeps great and small on the endless round

It’s the circle of life

And it moves us all

Through despair and hope

Through faith and love

Til we find our place

On the path unwinding

In the circle of life.”

Congratulations to Summer and Kyle!! May your never-ending circle of love, life, health, prosperity and happiness grow stronger every year!! We love you!! Thanks!