BEST MAN SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone!!! It’s great to be here to stand up and “represent” for my best friend, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I’m going to try to make this brief-probably about as long as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s college career!! (**Wait for the laugh**). All jokes aside, ever since I’ve known him, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has been the type of person that had a keen eye and really knew what he wanted…. as is proven by having **ME** as his best friend and best man… wow… I hope this speech doesn’t change his mind!! But really, knowing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for as long and as well as I do, I really feel like I can say just about anything, especially since he and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are already married!!! There’s no turning back now, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**Name the bride**)!!! Should I wait for the ink to dry on the marriage certificate before I begin? (**Wait for the laugh**).

(**Say this like you’re stopping yourself**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I were… I mean **have been**… best friends for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. I’ll never forget how we met, although there are days that I would really like to!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Not for nothing (**hint at a really embarrassing moment**), but there was that time in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.... (**Trail off and wait for the laugh**)

Let’s face it, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can really take over a place with that personality…that sense of humor…. that outgoing nature… he’s got enough motivation and drive to fill a room all by himself!! Really!! Actually, that’s kind of what he did today!! Here **we** are, helping to fill this room for him, celebrating his marriage to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Come to think of it, if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had his way, he’d probably have done his own photography for this wedding!!! Can you imagine a wedding album just filled with selfies!!! (**Wait for the laugh**)

Let’s back track a minute-speaking of love and love of beauty, determination and motivation, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**Name the bride**) didn’t stand a chance once the two of them met!!! Thank goodness she’s so photogenic and can sit still for extended periods of time…like now…during this speech!! (**Wait for the laugh**)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, your love of photography makes me think about your fascination with cameras and capturing the important pictures in life. And I kept thinking, “What is it about photography that really draws \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to it?” And I thought and I thought, and I think I discovered some qualities that just might cross over from art to life. May your marriage be like a camera…let it provide brilliance in a flash, be able to focus on the here and now, and may it always record and preserve the really special moments of life.

Some unknown, struggling artist once said, “I want my whole life to be like a great work of Art.” The problem was that no one knew who Art was, so they didn’t know his work!! (**Wait for the laugh**). I guess that’s my way of saying that our lives, and especially yours, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is really like a great work of art, and great art is never finished. Today you added a really bold and colorful section to your life’s masterpiece, and her name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And now you two get to create your lives together. We might not know **THAT** Art that I mentioned before, but we **do** know you and everyone in this room wishes both of you much love and happiness.

I’d like to invite everyone to raise a glass as I propose a toast (**If you don’t want to propose a toast, you can just say**) To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the famous artist Paul Klee once said, “A drawing is simply a line going for a walk.” And to the two of you, may the line that you create together go on and on and on for the longest and happiest walk through life that any two people might wish for.

Congratulations and thank you!