REHEARSAL DINNER SPEECH/TOAST

FOR

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Hello everyone!! It’s great to be here tonight at Mark and Rachel’s rehearsal dinner and I bet tomorrow is going to be one of those unforgettable events that we’ll all remember for a long, long time…. but tonight, we’re here to begin the celebration so let’s share some good food, good times, and great company. I want to congratulate Mark’s family, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I’m sure we’re all happy to meet Rachel’s family-I know I am, so to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s, welcome and congratulations!

Mark and I have been friends since we were five years old. Show of hands-how many people in this room can say- and blood relatives don’t count-that you’ve also known Mark long enough to remember when he still had his baby teeth? (**Wait for the laugh**) Sorry-I was going to try and avoid those dentist jokes, but it’s a great analogy-we’ve watched each other grow up and become who we are today and it pays respect to his heritage and career. Mark is a terrific person. He’s a wonderful and caring friend and he demonstrates great passion and enthusiasm for anything he chooses to participate in throughout his life and I find that inspiring.

And speaking of that, both he and Rachel were really blessed to have met each other… talk about a good **impression** (**Wait for the laugh**)!!! I remember thinking when they first met that Rachel must really be special-Mark spent much of those early days taking the long drive to NY just to be with her (**Please correct if this is not what you meant-the instruction was missing a word-didn’t know if it was to or from NY**) I think we’d all agree that they make a fantastic couple and really compliment each other. When Mark gets emotional, Rachel is there to keep him grounded. Mark tends to sleep walk in the middle of the night and he loves to eat in the process-to some that may seem “special,” but remember-Rachel loves to cook!! It brings a whole new meaning to “midnight snack!” And now both of them, knowing that they will be husband and wife, will have permanent million dollar smiles!

I’d like to invite everyone to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

Billy Crystal once said, “When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible.” Rachel and Mark, tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your lives together. We wish you health, happiness, long life and **lots of love**. Congratulations!