WEDDING SPEECH

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**TIMELESS LOVE**:

Aristotle said, “Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.” It’s a simple statement that speaks volumes and proves without a doubt, that love is timeless. Those words are as true and authentic today as they were when first uttered probably around 350 BC. The blessing of love binds us to the universe, speaks to our core, inspires us to have faith. Though we may have been told that love is everywhere, it is the timeless, transcendent healing power of love that forges and fuses unbreakable bonds. True and timeless love knows no boundaries. It is blind to limits, deaf to negativity, mute to derision. Deep, true and meaningful love just **IS**. (**If you want to make a joke you can say**)… and by the way, timeless love also thinks my cooking is delicious! (**And wait for the laugh**)

Hello everyone!! Arrun and I want to welcome you to what we intend to be the first of many “happiest moments of our lives.” We have spent the last few days in a whirlwind of celebration. It’s been a feast all of the senses and of course the heart. We are so blessed to have all of you here to share these magical moments with us and we haven’t stopped pinching ourselves in disbelief over how happy and blessed we are… first to have found each other and then to acknowledge how much love we have in our lives thanks to all of you. I know that priceless memories are being made this weekend and we’re sure they will last a lifetime. Thank you all for being with us as Arrun and I begin our journey together.

I would like to extend a fragrant and loving bouquet of thanks to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**name the wedding planner**) who ran this show with a combination of military precision and a chic sensibility worthy of a Vogue editor. To all of the hotel managers and in particular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and your incredibly capable staff, we knew this place truly is Shangri-La for us, and thanks to the care taken with every detail, I know I speak for everyone here when I say that we’ve all discovered that Paradise **AND** perfection can co-exist!!

To our parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to our siblings, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is from you that we learned what love is. It is our families that showed us how to love and encouraged and supported us so that we might be able to recognize and share that love when our soul found its other half, as Aristotle said. Thank you for all of your help and support every step of the way. And thank you for all of the hard work that transformed into the beauty of this weekend that envelopes us and infuses all of us with such joy. It is an honor to be your children and siblings and we are so proud of our newly blended family. Celebrating with all of you really brings the words of Walt Disney to life… “Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever.” I think that really sums up our collective experience of this wonderful time.

More thank anything; I want to thank my **husband** Arrun… I can finally say that… and it feels so right!!! (**Wait for the laugh**) I want to thank you for your love, your support, and your inspiring confidence… right from the very beginning. I still cannot believe how blessed I am that you chose me! Thank you for your warmth, your humor and compassion, and your thoughtfulness in all that you do, especially your perfect proposal… I still get the chills when I think of it, but having you by my side warms me up! Thank you for embracing me… (**If you want to** **make a little joke you can say**)… you **KNOW** how much I **LOVE** that... But also thank you for being so welcoming to my family and friends. It has been an unforgettable experience having the opportunity to plan this wedding, but the best part will be after, as I cannot **WAIT** to begin our life together. You have always made me feel loved and protected and I will spend the rest of my life giving you the same care as we go forward from here as husband and wife.

We may have been in different places in our lives when we first met, but our chemistry and determination were undeniable. Our mutual confidence and connection really do feel like we share one soul. The past four years have been more than I could have asked for: you’ve inspired me with your priceless values, you’ve supported me in overcoming obstacles and achieving goals that really mattered to me, and that is the definition of a **true** partner. I really do look up to you (**if you want to say something cute, you can say… “And not just when I’m barefoot”… or** **something cute about his height if you feel the mood is right**) and I respect you with all my heart.

As I said, I am thrilled to be your wife. I am looking forward to catering to you and ensuring the lifelong commitment you made to me today is something for which you will always be proud. I know that our love is modern enough to keep up with times but classic enough to last forever. I once read a quote by an author named Jarod Kintz. He said, “ I gave her a broken watch to symbolize that my love for her is timeless…” Arrun, I know we don’t need any more symbols than each other to feel and honor our timeless love. Thank you all!