**14408, Matthew Sanderson-Best Man**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

For those of you who don’t know me my name is Matt, I am the best childhood friend of Larry. I’m very sorry to say that we’ve been out of touch for most of the past 10 years and I’ve only met his lovely bride once. I’m no expert at public speaking but I certainly want to say a few good things about my good friend for his wedding. I have it all memorized, but just in case I lose my place I have my note cards here. It’s not long, about four stories, 10 quotes, a poem, a couple songs, and an interpretive dance that I am very proud of.

(take a beat to give your audience a chance for some laughter)

Not really, just a few words, a little history, and some thank you’s for some special people.

Let me begin by welcoming everyone here for this wonderful celebration. My special thanks to the parents of both the bride and groom for making this day possible by bringing these two beautiful souls into the world. Just in case you can’t see it right off I am Larry’s twin brother. I know you are all checking you vision right now because you are struggling to see the resemblance, but it’s true. If you really focus on the hair and waist line it’s much more obvious. We are twins in the sense that we were born the same day, same hospital, just hours apart and lived on the same street. We were inseparable, we finished each other’s sentences, and we always knew what the other was thinking. So, pretty much as close to twins as possible. Twin brothers from another mother.

That said, we grew up together with all the embarrassing and incriminating stories that I am sure you would all love to hear. The one story that stands out most to me is Larry's incredible sense of loyalty. He always included me, never left me behind, and without a doubt always had my back. A sense of loyalty that I have yet to feel again from anyone I know in my life. This is the truth and I thank you and love you for that. What a good quality in a man, a great quality in a friend, and now an amazing quality as a husband to your beautiful bride Jen. I do have some stories that are more incriminating but then I have to remember that he has those same stories about me and you know what they say about pay back. Let me suffice to say that we were normal boyhood friends. We got into our share of trouble, spent much of our free time grounded and yet we still both turned out to be lovable, responsible adults.

As I said I haven’t had the pleasure of getting to know Larry’s bride, but he’s always been a great judge of character so I know she is as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside. And she is truly beautiful. Larry, my friend, you have very good taste in brides. Jen, I don’t know what Larry has told you about me but please know that I wish you both all the happiness in the world in your marriage.

Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please stand and join me in a toast to the happy couple?

Larry and Jen,

May your love for each other grow stronger every day

May you always remember what made you fall in love with one another

May you face life’s challenges together, as one, not two separate people

May your joy increase along with the experiences you share

May you always remember to laugh a little each day because laughter is a good medicine

May you always see more of the positive in life than the negative

Whether life brings you laughter or tears, remember to laugh or cry together

And, last, but not least, save up all the memories you build over your lives and bring them out on the difficult days that life will bring

To Larry and Jen, I wish you happiness, joy and love for all your lives.

Thank you