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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want to welcome everyone and thank you for being here with us today. I am honored and grateful to serve as best man for my best friend's wedding. Shelly, you look absolutely beautiful and Tony, you don’t look so bad yourself.

I‘ve known Tony for thirty years. When we first met I was a shy nerdy type, but Tony asked me to hang out and we’ve been friends ever since. I will never forget the day we met because Tony’s friend said, “absolutely not.” He didn’t want to be friends with a nerd. But, Tony has always made up his own mind about who he chose for friends just like he makes his own mind up about everything in his life. Over the years we have had the best of times. I am thankful for Tony's friendship and all the memories I won’t be sharing today. After all, friends don’t share friends’ secrets, do they?

I have to say when it comes to women, Tony is a picky guy. I have been worried about him in recent years. Not that his wasn’t looking, but it seemed he would never find The one. You see, he wanted the whole package. He wanted a woman who was beautiful, smart and bubbly. As you can see, he found it all in Shelly. When Tony told me he was seeing a new girl, I asked him how she looked. He said, “She looks good man, real good.” Then he went on to tell me how she was real smart and had this great personality as well. Tony told me he feels very lucky to have met her. Since Tony is like a brother to me, Shelly, let me welcome you to the family.

There are not many people in life you can truly call a friend. Tony is the type of friend that is always there for friends regardless of whether it is reciprocated. He has always been there when I needed it, and I've needed it several times. I have put this man through hell with all my drama over the years, so no matter what, I know he will be there for you Shelly.

Tony is loyal, he’s fun, and he’s energetic. He is also tough, passionate and he fights for what he believes in. I have never met a man so devoted to his relationships. Shelly, you have made an excellent choice. Please live up to his heart because his heart is huge. I wish you the absolute best as you start this new chapter in your life.

So ladies and gentlemen if you would join me in raising a glass to the bride and groom, Shelly and Tony.

(As you hold up your glass) Shelly and Tony:

May you always remember how you fell in love

May you always remember why you fell in love

May you love each other more tomorrow than you do today

May the challenges of life make you stronger

May the joys of life be overflowing

And, may you share a life filled with love and joy

Good luck to you both