**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**STAN PERKINS**

Hello everyone!! Today we're here to celebrate the marriage of my older brother, Scott, to his beautiful bride, Nita. There's so much I can say about my brother and although I'm not really known as person who expresses his feelings on a regular basis, I suppose what "they" say about "payback" is true...you see, Scott is 9 years older than me and he always took such amazing care of me when I was, let's say, a MUCH younger brother.... So for all of those times you stood up for me... For all those times you were the best big brother a guy .... Or a baby.... Or a pesty little brother could ask for, I guess the LEAST I can do is find some words to express how proud and blessed I am to have you as my brother and how happy I am for you and Nita.

Legend has it in the Perkins family that I was much loved as a baby, especially by Scott. My mother tells the story of the times she would hear me cry, let me sit and stew... And scream... For a while .... Thanks Mom!!! (**Wait for the laugh**) but one time the screaming mysteriously and mystically stopped. Mom went into my room only to discover Scott sitting there, holding me and rocking me back and forth to calm me down.... Scott, all I can say is this.... I CANNOT express how beautiful I think that gesture was..... And I only WISH you could have comforted me and rocked me back and forth... And maybe even sung to me... Maybe wiped my tears and given me a snack... As I was having an **ANXIETY ATTACK** last night over writing and giving this speech!!!! (***Wait for the laugh***).

Scott has so many admirable qualities and I'm pretty sure there are many people that wish Scott were their brother.... Every day you inspire people with your kindness, your knowledge, your outgoing personality and your generosity. Your athleticism is really, really good.... I don't want to TOTALLY spoil you... Wink... And your love of sports, especially the New Orleans Saints and your PASSION for LSU all qualify you to be HANDS DOWN... The **BEST BIG BROTHER IN THE SEC**.... and somehow you find the time to be a CAT LADY!! ... Just kidding... On behalf of all those you've rescued, let me say, you're a SAINT. (***If you want you can add in a sing-song tone***).... "Felines... Nothing more than felines....(***and wait for the laugh***)

I could go on and on there are so many stories. If it weren't for your generosity of spirit and your willingness to let me tag along... I mean share, I STILL would not know the difference between a stalactite and a stalagmite... But **I DO**...

And speaking of "I do," some people say there ARE NO accidents in this world. You and Nita, both proud children of Louisiana, met purely by chance at a club in New York. What are the odds? But when something is meant to be, it's meant to happen and here we are. Nita, you are as beautiful as you are compassionate. Your talents are enhanced by your generosity and we are beyond proud to welcome you to our family...

Scott, I can't imagine being anywhere else but by your side standing up for you as you and Nita marry. I am also happy to have (***name Scott's son***) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ join me as we witness this great day. I look forward to many happy events with our newly extended family ... Including (***name Nita's daughters***) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I wish the both of you a lifetime of health, happiness, harmony, and love. The two of you are true SAINTS.....

I'd like to invite you all to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

Here's to Nita and Scott.... May your love reign... Like cats and dogs.... Get it?? (***Wait for the laugh***). Congratulations... We love you!!