BEST MAN SPEECH

FOR

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Wow!!! That was quite a speech!!! Let’s hear it for Ashley!!!! (**Start clapping and say**) Ashley, as Katie’s maid of honor, you’ve done a great job. You look beautiful, you’ve done a wonderful job of attending to the bride and making sure she is completely acknowledged and cared for, and your speech… all I can say is **WOW**!!!! So thoughtful, so sincere, so well-spoken… **WELL!!!** That makes **ONE** of us!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Hello everyone!!! I’m Garrett’s best man. … I may not the most polished speaker… I may have been tempted to adopt a pseudonym…. just for the day… I may have seriously considered “**phoning it in**”…. No… **REALLY**… **FACE TIME**!!! … Like from the **men’s room**… (**Show your phone**) But then I remembered how much my friendship with Garrett means to me… and I decided to speak **anyway**… (**Wait for the laugh**). Yes. I am Matt, Garrett’s proud but “**oratorially challenged**” best man. We are all here to celebrate the wedding of two of our favorite people, Katie and Garrett. It’s so great to be here and I’m so honored to be Garrett’s best man. Katie you look absolutely stunning, and Garrett, I have to say…. and I cannot emphasize this enough… Katie looks **stunning** (**Wait for the laugh**). Kidding!! You look really good too!

Since we were kids, Garrett has been a great friend to me and our friendship has lasted for quite some time. We met in high school and we’ve been through a lot together. Garrett is the kind of person that defines what true friendship really means, and that’s one of the main reasons why I was so thrilled to be asked to be his best man (**Would it be appropriate to add the following…. If not- don’t say it**) … and to “**stand up**” for him… and let me tell you… there have been times…. (**Wait for the laugh**). All jokes aside, I consider Garrett my family… a true “brother from another mother.” While our friendship began back in (**name the high school**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ High, it really grew stronger when we got to college. I am sure that I don’t have to tell many of you what a great guy Garrett is… He treasures his friendships, thrives on being outgoing, is driven and goal oriented…. and that’s a **GOOD** thing…and he definitely excels at “having your back.” One of the great gifts of my life has been having a friend like this guy- watching Garrett grow up through high school and college and working with him at not one but **TWO** jobs… both of which he helped me to get, has given me the chance to see Garrett in many different situations. I really know him and have a huge amount of respect for him and it’s because I see his many great qualities that I **KNOW** he will be a great husband to Katie.

And speaking of Katie… While Garrett is fun and outgoing and driven, you are kind, hard working and very, **VERY** compassionate. Which reminds me…. Thank you for understanding and **NOT** forcing me to wear a dress…. (**Wait for the laugh**). **LET ME EXPLAIN**!!! It’s not that I don’t look great in (**Name the color of the bridesmaid dresses**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It’s that I have also known you for so long and also consider you such a close friend that you and I both know I probably could have been an honorary bridesmaid… Wouldn’t **THAT** have been interesting!!

So here we are… at the most important moment in the lives of two of the most important people in **MY** life…. How did I get so lucky? Garrett, it’s been said, “A good friend knows all of your stories and a best friend has lived them with you.” That is definitely true in our case. I’m so excited for your future adventures and happiness with Katie and I really mean it when I say that when I see the love the two of you share it kind of makes me think that in honor of the two of you, I would do anything… even get up and speak.

So now that I’m on a roll **(If you want to be really corny you can bend down under the table and pick up a diner roll and show it like you had been standing on it… ☺**), I’d like to propose a toast.

I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass:

To Katie and Garrett… Out of all of the billions of people on this planet, you two found each other and as it’s been said, this marriage was “meant to be.” Here’s to health and happiness, fun and friendship, and more than blessings than you might ever wish for. Congratulations!! We love you!!