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Hello everyone! It is with great joy that we are all here today to celebrate the marriage of my younger brother, Ahmed (**does he prefer to be called Andy?**) to the beautiful intelligent, and patient Kiran. Many of you have traveled from places far and wide in order to be here and share this wonderful moment. We welcome you and are thrilled that you are a part of this. Together we are living proof that love unites people and gives all of us a reason to rejoice. (**If you are married, do you want to mention your wife and children if appropriate?**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I want to officially welcome you, Kiran, to our family and I would like to extend congratulations to **your** family…. (**Name Kiran’s parents, siblings and close relatives if you think it's appropriate**). To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of my parents and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we welcome all of you to our newly extended family. I know we are all equally excited as we look forward to the new memories we will be making **together**.

William Shakespeare said “Love looks not with the eyes but with the mind; and therefore is winged Cupid painted blind.” Fortunately for these two, their first encounter allowed Cupid to peek and then encouraged a true meeting of the minds. In the process of serving the community, two paths crossed…. Although the original intention was to do good and make a difference, neither realized at the time what a difference a brief encounter at LAX would mean to these two, young, beautiful people. Kiran was involved in doing community service and looked up to find her supervisor, a young man who looked hot. **NO. REALLY.**  He was in a suit. On a Sunday. Serving the community at the airport. He **HAD** to be hot! (**Wait for the laugh**). He was also earnest and gentlemanly and smart. And just as Shakespeare warned, Cupid may as well have been blind because although Kiran was and is clearly beautiful, Ahmed chose to break the ice with a pop quiz. Kiran didn't flinch, the rest is history, and here we are.

Ahmed, you are my younger brother and while growing up, our paths may not have intersected that much, now that we are both older and so much wiser, I'm proud to call you “friend” as well as “brother.” It is with great affection and a little bit of wisdom that I want to share some advice with you…. respectfully inspired by veterans of love and marriage:

It was the wise man Henny Youngman, who taught us, “What is the secret to a happy marriage?” My wife and I go out to dinner at least two times a week. I go on Tuesdays and she goes on Thursdays.” (**Wait for the laugh**).

To paraphrase the author Richard Bach, “If you love someone, set them free. If they come back, they're yours. If they get stuck in traffic on the way home from a Kings game, put the dinner back in the refrigerator and consider moving downtown to be closer to the Staples Center.” (**Wait for the laugh**).

And of course, where would we be without the wisdom of the Chinese philosopher, Lao Tsu, “Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving someone deeply gives you courage.” Kiran and Ahmed, I know that your deep love of each other has also given you both the gift of patience….

…. Which brings me to a moment we’ve all been waiting for… ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite you to raise a glass as I propose a toast to the bride and groom:

To Kiran and Ahmed, as you embark on your journey of life and love as husband and wife, I know I speak for all of us when I say that I wish you health and happiness, wisdom and prosperity, and moments and memories that will last forever. May you both learn to cherish your life together the way Ahmed partakes of his favorite meal… s-l-o-w-l-y savor every moment, engage your senses, and remember the words of Anna Quindlen who said, “Life is made of moments, small pieces of glittering mica in a long stretch of cement… Let’s teach ourselves how to **really** live…to **love the journey**, not the destination.” We wish you love and luck… congratulations and Bon Voyage! Enjoy the view!!

Thank you!