**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**STEVE BALLARD**

Hello everyone... for those of you that may not know, I’m Steve and I am Alice’s older and very excited brother... I mean that in the best way possible... excited for the future that is opening up for Alice and her very-soon-to-be husband... excited for our family to expand... and, of course, **VERY** excited to finally be related... even through extended family.... to those **legendary**...**lush**.... and **very pretty** eyelashes of Jeremy.... (**Wait for the laugh**)... I’ve heard so much about them thanks to Jeremy’s mom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s rave reviews... you know, stuff like **THAT** just **CAN’T** stay hidden... and now.... I can analyze them more closely at **every** family function we share. Jeremy... as TMZ says... “Good genes or good Docs?” ... or is it **all of that Mountain Dew**???? (**Wait for the laugh**).

Wise men have told us that “Life is not a dress rehearsal” ... except when it is... and although we’re technically not as dressed up as we will be tomorrow, this rehearsal dinner is about bonding, acknowledgement, making final preparations for tomorrow’s big event, and sharing special time together with those that mean the most to Alice and Jeremy. (**If you want to make a little joke you can say**)... of course that would be Loki and Zena... but there are health codes here in North Carolina.... (**Wait for the laugh**). I want to officially welcome Jeremy to our family and I want to extend hearty “Ballard Family” congratulations to Jeremy’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his brothers and sisters, (**Name his siblings if you think it’s appropriate**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jeremy, although we’re still getting to know each other... now, as brothers, I’m sure that process will be advanced, I have to say... you’re someone I have always looked up to... **no**.... **REALLY**... (**Look up and wait for the laugh**) and now, as we welcome you into our family, I look forward to getting to know you even better... after all, Alice loves you and everyone **KNOWS** you’re Mom’s favorite... ahhhh there’s **ONE** in every family... (**Wait for the laugh**).

... and Alice... my little (**younger? Youngest?? Choose which is most appropriate**), spirited, beautiful sister... you’ve known me all of your life, and I’ve known you for most of mine.... (**mention some anecdotes or stories that define or demonstrate your relationship with Alice.... like 3 examples.... just a couple of sentence each...**) ... ever since you were a baby...I remember\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And then, as a little girl, you\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Who would ever forget **THAT**? Or how about the time you\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_??? Alice, I’m sure we would all agree... you’re passionate about life and when you love, you love **HARD**... Loki... Zena.... sushi... Jeremy.... not sure of the order of ranking though... I know you **DO** love sushi....(**Wait for the laugh**)

Alice and Jeremy, weddings are a time of celebration... of love.... togetherness.... family... friends... and lots and lots of hope and great wishes for a happy solid future for the two of you. Although you know I tend to kid around.... those were jokes I just told..... but **OH** those eyelashes... (**Wait for the laugh**) ... and to really continue the weekend festivities on a note of celebration, I would like to propose a toast....

(**Is it possible for you to provide Mountain Dew to the guests and have them toast with THAT??? It could be very funny if you provide a can or individual bottle for everyone... just a thought... and have the waiters bring it all out right before the toast**)...

To Alice and Jeremy.... Here’s to a long, happy, healthy, prosperous life together... sweeter than Alice’s favorite candy... Brighter than this **Mountain Dew**... (**If you don’t toast with Mountain Dew, you can say instead, “Brighter than the fluorescence of Mountain Dew” and wait for the laugh**) Congratulations!! We love you!!! Thank you all!!!