**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**SADIKI GORDON**

Hello everyone!! Today is a very special day for our friends, Amber and Matt, and I am thrilled to be here, to stand up for Matt as he and Amber exchange vows and officially become a beautiful new family! I want to congratulate all three kids (**name Matt’s daughters and Amber’s son**) , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for doing such a great job in keeping these two in line and on purpose!! Together, you make a beautiful “**party of** **FIVE**,” and I know I speak for everyone here when I say that we look forward to sharing many, **MANY** great stories, occasions, and memories as the years, and this family, progress and build an amazing future.

As I said, I am thrilled, and **PROUD** to stand up for Matt... he and I have known each other a **LONG** time....we were college friends back at Baylor.... and... how can I say this??? Hmmmmm ... Let’s just say that we’ve helped each other “**stand up**” in the past.... (**Wait for the laugh**)... but as we say now.... now that we’re mature, professional, viable members of our communities... “What happened at Baylor **STAYS** at Baylor... (**Wait for the laugh**)....

I **CAN** say **THIS** about Matt.... it’s been said that we make beautiful music together... by that I mean we sang together in the Baylor Men’s Choir... and we must have sounded pretty good... it was quite an experience, especially since our “angelic tones” got us to Kenya... yes, I suppose you can say we’re “world renowned performers.” We may have gone on a “mission” trip, but it has become clear that the purpose of our interchange and work together was to create, grow, and sustain a life long friendship... and as far as I’m concerned, the “Baylor Years” were quite a while ago, but our friendship keeps going and going and going... Proverbs 18:24 states, “One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” That, for me is Matt. After all, who among us can resist that personality?? He’s magnetic, kinetic, inviting, welcoming, understanding... you get the picture.. Matt... did I get it all in??? (**wait for the laugh)** . **(if you want to make a joke you can say**), ... and that’s when he’s in a **BAD** mood!!! (**And wait for the laugh**). All jokes aside, though, the older I get, the smarter and wiser Matt seems as well... I’m very blessed to have such a dear friend. Although distance separates us logistically, I know our friendship transcends that.... and now that he’s with Amber by his side, along with their children, I know that Matt will continue to be a great man, husband, father and friend. Spirituality plays a very important part in all of our lives and it is that spirituality that brings compassion, connection, and caring.

When I started hearing that Matt had met “**SOMEONE**,” I knew she must be special, as Matt is clearly someone special to me. Although, as I said, distance is a factor, I knew when I met Amber, that she is **THE ONE** for him. It’s clear when you see these two together.... they belong with each other. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 teaches us... “Two are better than one...” and “If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them.” Matt and Amber, you two have each other... and you have your children.... your family bond is great and we are **ALL** rooting for you... as you learn and grow stronger from each other, we will learn from you!!!

What began as a college friendship has evolved into the connection of a lifetime. A famous poet once said, “I am part of all that I have met.” As far as I concerned, I am thrilled to be a part of Matt’s life, and now Amber’s and I know I am blessed to have them as a part of me. ... and thank goodness for occasions like this wedding when we can openly celebrate the important things in life... family, friendships, and new beginnings!!

I’d like to ask you all to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

To Matt and Amber, Here’s to a life filled with all that matters... love, health, happiness, partnership, faith, sharing good times, and making timeless memories...May you have more than you might ever wish for... Congratulations!!! Thank you!!