**WEDDING VOWS**

**FOR**

**VAN NGUYEN**

Babe…. Well, here we are!!! We made it to the altar!!! Who would ever have thought, all those years ago, when I saw that “hot guy in the park” and thought, “**DAMN** he’s **CUTE**!!!,” that one day, in the kind of distant future, we’d be standing here, together, officially making this incredible dream a reality. First impressions may not always be lasting ones, but for me, they were, are, and always will be. I will never forget the first time or the second…. Or even the **third** time I laid eyes on you…..I may have been a ***LITTLE*** stunned back then, when we were in high school, but my heart, my guts, my soul all kicked into gear!!!

I remember when (**Name your best friend**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had your senior portrait. I saw it…. And **DAMN**!!! Even in **THAT** you looked hot!!! (**Turn to the guests and say)** You all **KNOW** that it’s a **REAL** accomplishment to look **GREAT** in senior pictures, passport pictures, and drivers license pictures, **RIGHT**??? It’s actually a **REAL** talent!!! (**And wait for the laugh**). I just remember I knew I needed to be introduced to this creature… I was toooooo curious for words…. And so we met and became good friends. From the very start, you were a perfect gentleman and a **GENTLE MAN**…. charming and quiet, supportive and kind…. And **attached**. A crush is a crush, and I had one, but kept my distance.

Our friendship progressed for **FIFTEEN** years… I guess we wanted to be pretty sure we liked each other… (**Wait for the laugh**), but there was always that same voice in my head saying, “**Damn!!! He’s STILL HOT!!**” And then, one Valentine’s Day, six years ago, I unexpectedly got flowers from a “secret admirer.” **WOW**!!! By then, you were single and ready to mingle, and I could not have been happier!!

The past six years have been the best ones of my life… so far…Babe, you are the most loving, caring, understanding partner I could ever wish for… you’re there when I need you… but more importantly, when my car won’t start or my flat tires need you… I swear I don’t do it on purpose… (**Wait for the laugh**) I love your sense of adventure and the thrill you get from exploring and learning new things. I love how just a simple text from you in the morning makes my day…. Of course it’s even cuter when you’re right next to me… (**Wait for the laugh**). I may not love arguing with you, but I **DO** love your acknowledgement and apology… it really means so much to me… I love that when I fall asleep in the car after a long day, you keep driving around so I can squeeze in a few more “zzzzzz’s.” And I absolutely **LOVE** how you love our daughter, Brianna. (**If there’s something he’s not great at, you can say)** …. Now the Karaoke… **THAT** could use some improvement… (**and wait for the laugh**).

By now, I hope you fully realize just how much you mean to me…but I’m not done yet…. As we pledge ourselves to one another, I want to make a few promises:

* I promise I will be down for beers and pizza on the weekend after we’ve exclusively eaten chicken salad and drank only water for the entire work week.
* I promise to motivate you to workout so you can keep as sexy as Trinh (his bestman)
* I promise to learn how to cook mom’s delicious bun bo hue, banh bot loc, and ca kho. “Em Bang Long lam con dau Hue!”
* Most of all, I promise to see and love the hotness in you, even as we grow old together…. Even as we **BOTH** want to fall asleep in the car…. We’ll just have to pull over!!! Even as we argue and apologize… question our choices and “machine gun laugh” at our predicaments…. In other words, Babe… we’re in this together and I **LOVE** you!!!