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Remarks by Best Man [name] on the occasion of the marriage of his cousin and good friend, Tyson [last name].

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hello there, everybody. my name’s [your name], and i’m TYLER’s best man tonight — or at least i’m the best man he could FIND to spearhead the celebration of the death of his bachelorhood. But i hasten to add that this a hardly a funereal occasion, because who *wouldn’t* want to give up bachelorhood for a woman as gorgeous, as sweet, and as capable as . . . [gesture toward the bride] . . . the lovely and beautiful [full name of bride]? [anticipate applause]

[STRAIGHTENING YOUR BOWTIE] SPEAKING OF GIVING UP BACHELERHOOD, INCIDENTALLY, I’D JUST LIKE ANNOUNCE TO ALL YOU LOVELY BRIDESMAIDS THAT, UNLIKE MY LUCKY COUSIN HERE, ***I*** AM STILL SINGLE AND VERY MUCH ON THE MARKET.

I NEED TO BEGIN MY REMARKS THIS EVENING BY STATING AS A FACT THAT TYLER AND [FIRST NAME OF BRIDE] ARE AN ABSOLUTELY PERFECT MATCH FOR EACH OTHER. I CAN VOUCH FOR THIS WITH FULL AUTHORITY BECAUSE I’VE KNOW THEM BOTH FOR A LONG TIME. WE

GREW UP TOGETHER IN THE SAME CHURCH, AND ONE OF THINGS I REMEMBER ABOUT [FIRST NAME OF BRIDE] BACK IN THE DAY WAS HOW SHY AND DEMUR SHE WAS. WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT THEY WERE DATING, I ALMOST FELL OFF MY CHAIR, BUT TYSON TOLD ME IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS STRICTLY ON THE Q.T., AND HE SWORE ME TO ABSOLUTE SECRECY. THE TRUTH IS, [FIRST NAME OF BRIDE], TYSON TOLD ME ABOUT THE VERY FIRST TIME KISSED YOU — I CAN’T TELL YOU HOW THRILLED HE WAS! — BUT HE TOLD ME I’D BETTER NOT LET ON FOR ONE MOMENT TO YOU THAT I KNEW, OR ELSE HE’D KICK MY YOU-KNOW-WHAT TO YOU-KNOW-WHERE!

AND OF COURSE, TYLER WAS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DOING JUST THAT, BECAUSE HE WAS A TERRIFIC ATHLETE AND A DARNED GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYER, WHO ABSOLUTELY LOVED BEING ON THE GIRDIRON. IN FACT, I MUST SAY IT’S TRULY AMAZING TO ME THAT HE ACTUALLY FOUND A WOMAN HE COULD LOVE MORE THAN HE LOVED FOOTBALL. BUT AS I SAID BEFORE, IT’S NOT HARD AT ALL TO LOVE [FIRST NAME OF BRIDE], NOT HARD AT ALL.

NOW, AS I WAS PREPARING MY REMARKS AS TYSON’S BEST MAN TONIGHT, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A NEAT IDEA TO ASK SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM BEST HOW *THEY* MIGHT CHARACTERIZE

HIM AS A PERSON. AND I’D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE LIST I PUT TOGETHER FROM THOSE INTERVIEWS, AND FROM MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF MY OWN PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH ONE OF THE NICEST AND MOST CAPABLE GUYS I’VE EVER KNOWN. SO IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF MAN TYLER [LAST NAME OF GROOM] IS, HERE’S THE ANSWER IN A NUTSHELL [READ THE LIST SLOWLY, WITH A BRIEF PAUSE BETWEEN EACH ITEM]:

TYLER [LAST NAME OF GROOM] IS KIND-HEARTED, GOD-FEARING, HELPFUL, SELFLESS, CREATIVE, INTELLIGENT, FUNNY, WISE, SMART, FRIENDLY, TALENTED, KNOWLEDGABLE, TALKATIVE, BUT A GOOD LISTENER AS WELL. HE’S HEADSTRONG, OPINIONATED, DECISIVE, POSITIVE, AND ABSOLUTELY DRIVEN TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING HE SETS HIS MIND TO. HE’S INCREDIBLY ENCOURAGING TO, AND SUPPORTIVE OF, OTHERS, AND HE’S SIMPLY A DELIGHT TO SPEND TIME WITH. [TO TYSON] ARE YOU EMBARRASSED ENOUGH YET, OR SHOULD I GO ON? I COULD GO ON, OF COURSE, BUT MY TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND THERE’S STILL MUCH CELEBRATING TO BE DONE HERE TONIGHT.

I JUST WANT TO CLOSE BY SAYING, FIRST TO [FIRST NAME OF BRIDE], THAT YOU COULDN’T POSSIBLY HAVE CHOSEN A BETTER MAN THAN TYSON AS YOUR SOUL-MATE FOR LIFE. I MIGHT’VE BEEN NAMED “BEST

MAN” FOR THE CEREMONIAL PURPOSES OF THIS WEDDING, BUT I MUST TELL YOU, DEAR [FIRST NAME OF BRIDE], THAT TYSON [LAST NAME OF GROOM] IS WITHOUT A DOUBT THE BEST MAN IN THIS ROOM.

[GESTURING/TURNING TO THE GROOM’S PARENTS] AND TO YOU, MR. AND MRS. [LAST NAME OF TYSON’S PARENTS], I MUST SAY THAT YOU COULDN’T *POSSIBLY* HAVE RAISED A MORE LOVING AND GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE SON AS TYSON. HE’S SO VERY, VERY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS PARENTS, AND YOU SHOULD BE S0 VERY, VERY PROUD OF HIM.

AND SO TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM, I OFFER MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS. I PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS THIS MARRIAGE AND KEEP YOUR LOVE STRONG. AND IF I MIGHT END BY QUOTING THE WORDS OF AN ANCIENT IRISH TOAST, I WOULD GIVE YOU ONLY THIS WISH: *“MAY YOU LIVE AS LONG AS YOU WANT, AND NEVER WANT AS LONG AS YOU LIVE!”*

GOD BLESS YOU ALL, MY DEAR FRIENDS, AND THANK FOR THE HONOR OF BEING BEST MAN TONIGHT.

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