Maid of Honor Speech

**Preface:**

 Before you start giving your speech, I assume there will be some applause when they announce you coming up. Let the applause die down, smile as you pan across the room. Once the applause has fully subsided, take a deep breath look at David, then toward Emily, give her your best smile and then back towards the crowd and begin your speech.

**Maid of Honor Speech:**

 Hello everybody, it is such a pleasure to see you all here tonight. For all of you who don’t know me, I’m Tiffany and I have the great pleasure of being Emily’s Maid of Honor. Now, for all of you who might not know Emily very well, you’re in for a little treat. So feel free to sit back and relax as I share a little about Emily. **(It’s okay to giggle a little through the end, so people know they can laugh during your speech)**

 I remember when I first heard of this “Emily” gal, at the time my boyfriend, now husband, had told me about this friend he met while he was going through his residency. He didn't have enough good things to say about her. At first I was a little worried and would often think to myself, “who is this girl he keeps talking about?” or “I hope we get along as well as they get along.” And wouldn't you know it, the time came for all of us to finally meet.

 We all went out to Old Town to celebrate, what we were celebrating I couldn't remember, probably because I wanted to make a great first impression in hopes that she and I could be friends. Well, my husband introduced us and instantly she gave me a hug. We got to chatting about things, we were both all smiles the entire time. I thought to myself, “she is actually a pretty nice gal, this isn't so bad after all.” **(Sigh of relief)**

 The funny thing is, when you meet someone for the first time, they don't come with a guide telling you how often they go out to “*celebrate*.”**(you are saying celebrate, but insinuating party)** Well as it would be, I saw Emily again a few weeks later. She said, “Hi, my name is Emily.” Turns out, emily isn't the type of woman who goes out and “*celebrates*” that often with our little friend “*alcohol*” and she had completely forgotten who I was. At first, the idea of Emily forgetting who I was made me anxious, but we got to talking for a while and I instantly knew what my husband was referring to when he first mentioned Emily.

 All jokes aside, Emily is one of the funniest people I know and the list doesn't stop there. One time, Emily, David, my husband and I all went to Hawaii together for a little trip. One of the days we decided to go out on a boat and just have a good time. Emily, however, decided to take it one step further and go wake boarding. While she was wake boarding whales started jumping up next to her! Also, if I might add, Emily was killing it out there while she was wake boarding, even showing up most of the guys. I remember while I was in the boat taking pictures of all this, I was talking to David and he said he had gone swimming with sharks before. I thought to myself, “these are the two most adventurous people I know!”

 Now that we are on the subject of David (**Say this with a hint of sarcasm, and look over at him, Crowd should laugh a little)**

I remember being around Emily and thinking she is one of the happiest, funniest most brilliant people I know, how can anyone add to that? I am happy to say though, while I have seen you two grow together you have definitely brought even more out of Emily. Which is a huge accomplishment if you know how awesome Emily is. Emily, for all of you who don't know, is a Pediatric Anesthesiologist! Yeah, I know not only is that a hard profession to take on, but it is also so moving to know she was able to do it! And yet, with how hard Emily works, David is still able to bring that much more out of her.

 So Ladies and Gentlemen, I think I have shared enough about Emily for tonight. The rest will have to wait until next time. So if you will raise your glasses with mine, I would like to propose a toast, a toast to the longevity of David and Emily’s marriage, to the love and respect that these two share with each other now and forever more. The love that you two share will set an example for all those who come in contact with you.

**(TOAST)**