**Speaker:** Henry Hall

**Speech Type:** Birthday

**Speech Preface:**

Hello henry, This speech will be pretty straight forward. Not too many notes in it for you. There will be some basic humor, which you can change if you would like, but should fit right in. It was a pleasure writing the speech for you and Fiona sounds like an amazing woman who really has done some great stuff, including overcoming what she did. Enjoy.

**Speech:**

First off, I just want to thank you all so very much for coming tonight and spending what would appear to be my wife’s 29th Birthday. **(Look at your wife)** Hunny, for only 29 you look absolutely gorgeous. Now we all know my forte is not speaking infant of large groups, so I will keep this short and sweet. Before I go any further though, I want to thank Jillie and Rox for yet again making this place really shine. I don’t know how they do it, but they never cease to amaze with this kind of stuff.

Fiona, luckily in your years you have had the great pleasure of making some pretty amazing friends, **(look out towards group)** thank you all again for being here. I think all of us can agree you are by far one of the most gentle, sensitive, loyal and kind people we all know. I mean, I know each of us have our own stories about why Fiona is such an amazing woman, but did you all know that she bought our gardener a cat because she saw how much the gardener liked ours. Now, I’m not sure if that’s proper etiquette or not, I think you’re just supposed to tip them with cash, not a living creature, but that’s beside the point. The point is she was doing something nice, and that’s the Fiona we all know.

Now dear, I just want you to know that since I met you in ’98 and then married in 2000 I have had some of the most memorable times with you by my side, and I wouldn't have it any other way. You know how to make me laugh, you knowhow to make me smile, and you definitely know how to make me love. I am sure that your parents, Denys and Sue and with Greta, George and Sophia would all agree with me when I say you are the reason we all smile for some reason throughout the day.

Fiona, I know we have had our fair share of things to work through together, and I can’t even begin to tell you how proud of you I am for making the decisions you have made. Through everything that you have gone through, somehow you still find a way to make everyone else’s day a little bit brighter and I think that it was makes you so special.

I think what makes you the most special though is that you are mine, I cant wait to see where the next 50 years takes us and you better believe I will be right behind you each step of the way. You thought the last trip we just went on was a good one, well i’ll let you in on a little secret… it only gets better from here.

Well, I think I have gone on for long enough, and I really would like to make this night about my better half, so Thank you all again for spending tonight with our family. And, if you all wouldn't mind, I would like to introduce Fiona’s mother Sue to say a few words.

Thanks.