

## "Serious Speech #1"

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When Tim asked me to be his best man, at first I was over the moon, firstly that he was going to marry the woman that he loves, and secondly that he had asked me to be his best man. Then a few pints later, it dawned on me. The speech. Choking on my beer at the realisation that I would have to stand up and talk in front of his family and closest friends, I started shaking and told him that I didn't think that I could do it. Then he reassured me, he said, "all you have got to do is stand up, look a little idiotic, tell a few jokes and be confident." Taking this on board, here I am.

Firstly a few thank yous I have been asked to make. Firstly, to all who have helped in the service, and this lovely party. Whether you have brought food, or helped decorate this place, or just come to support the happy couple, thank you. Secondly to the bridesmaids, you have done a magnificent job helping the bride today, and you all look amazing, so a big thanks to you too. Finally Tim would like me to thank his beautiful new wife for turning up today. I saw him this morning when he was worrying, and it wasn't a pretty sight. He has asked me to tell you how happy you have made him by becoming his wife, something that I am sure he will go into in more detail in his speech, but still, thank you.

Now, I have known Tim for 8 years now. I know all his little habits and how annoying he can become after a few pints, just a little warning to you all there! But Tim has helped me through some hard times over the duration of our friendship. He has always been there and supported me, something that I am sure he will do for his beautiful new wife, Linda.

I have been asked to keep the story about Tim clean, and to try not to embarrass him too much. But there have been numerous times I have laughed until I cried at Tim. As some of you will know, he is always up for a laugh, and loves to live life to the max.

I remember when we were [insert a funny event that really has happened to you and the groom].

Before Tim met Linda, he found it hard to talk to women. He could chat them up great, but when it came to more normal conversation, he found it harder. Until he met Linda that was. Linda has changed his life for the better. He has been happier, more energetic, easier to talk to and more responsible in the way he acts. These are just a few of the many ways Linda has had a positive effect on Tim. I am sure he knows many more that we don't know about!

Somebody once told me that Love can easily be affected by physical appearance.

I am sure that when Linda first saw Tim, there were no confusions. Tim told me that before Linda he

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didn't believe in love at first sight, but after meeting his now wife, that has all changed.

Finally, I would like to say another thank-you to everybody for coming and joining the newly married couple in their celebrations. And I am sure you will all agree they make a fantastic couple.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please all join me in a toast.

To the happy couple, long may their love last! Cheers!

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