

## THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

Air on a G string - JS Bach

#### THE WELCOME

#### **READING**

One Hundred Love Sonnets: XVII by Pablo Neruda
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I don't love you as if you were a rose of salt, topaz, or arrow of carnations that propagate fire:

I love you as one loves certain obscure things, secretly, between the shadow and the soul.

I love you as the plant that doesn't bloom but carries the light of those flowers, hidden, within itself, and thanks to your love the tight aroma that arose from the earth lives dimly in my body.

I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where,
I love you directly without problems or pride:
I love you like this because I don't know any other way to love,
except in this form in which I am not nor are you,
so close that your hand upon my chest is mine,
so close that your eyes close with my dreams.

#### **THE VOWS**

#### Groom

There are so many promises I want to make and a few that truly matter; so these are the promises I make to you:
I promise to make you sandwiches when you've had a rough day, to care for you- the way you care for me when I'm ill, to communicate with you as honestly as I can, and to give you lots of hugs whether you're happy or sad because I love you.

### **Bride**

I love you and your family. I will respect, pamper and support you for the rest of my life.

As myliu tave ir tavo seima. As tave gerbsiu, lepinsiu ir palaikysiu visa likusi gyvenima.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

On Our Way - The Royal Concept

# Touched By An Angel- Maya Angelou

We, unaccustomed to courage
exiles from delight
live coiled in shells of loneliness
until love leaves its high holy temple
and comes into our sight
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives

and in its train come ecstasies

old memories of pleasure

ancient histories of pain.

Yet if we are bold, love strikes away the chains of fear from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity

In the flush of love's light

we dare be brave

And suddenly we see

that love costs all we are

and will ever be.

Yet it is only love

which sets us free.