

It's the dawn of a new life for you
As you stand there together with love in your eyes
From the moment you whisper 'I do'
And with luck, all your hopes and your dreams can be real
May success find its way to your hearts
Tomorrow can bring you the greatest of joys
But today is the day it all starts

Our story of Love

by Antoinette Coleman-Kelly

2nd Reading - (by Della Pedley)

Isn't it funny,
Isn't it strange,
When I met you
Then everything changed.

Isn't it lovely;
Since this all began
I've been your lady
and you've been my man.

Isn't it wonderful,
Honest and pure,
I searched for so long
I need search no more.

Isn't it thrilling,
Isn't it sweet.
We met one another
And now we're complete.

Isn't it funny.
Isn't it strange.
As soon as we met
Then everything changed.

The Asking (Address of Intention to Marry)

by Antoinette Coleman-Kelly

The Declarations

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The Vows Ceremony

The Vows

What you say here are beautiful words representing even more beautiful intentions.

As you speak your vows, look at this person sitting here in front of you –
they are loving you for everything that you have ever been, everything that you are, and everything that you ever will be.

Tony, please look deeply into Heather's eyes and repeat after me:

I, Tony Sheill, take you Heather Owen to be my wife to have and to hold,
from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health.
I promise to love you, honour and cherish you all my life.

Heather, please look deeply into Tony's eyes and repeat after me:

I, Heather Owen, take you Tony Sheill to be my husband, to have
and to hold,
from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for
poorer, in sickness and in health.
I promise to love you, honour and cherish you all my life.

Personal Vows

Today I have come here to marry you,
my best friend, my life saver, my rock and my other half.

I promise to give you my love, strength and loyalty
I promise to be more patient and to listen to you with
compassion and understanding.

I promise to listen to your advice and occasionally even take it
I promise to encourage you, inspire you and always laugh with
you.

I promise to do my best to always make you smile and feel loved
I promise to always be your partner in crime.

Finally, I promise you all of me,
My mind, body and soul
for as long as we both should live.

Guests Vows

Ladies & Gentleman - you are all very much an important part of
our amazing and beautiful Tony & Heather's life. I have two
questions for you all and the answer is 'We Do'

'Do you promise to always love and support Heather & Tony in
their marriage
Guests - We Do

Do you promise to encourage their dreams, to relieve them of
their fears and to offer them advice even when they don't ask
for it
Guests - We Do

The Wedding RING Exchange

Rings to be presented by Rudy & Connor and given to Terry

Celebrant: The wedding ring is a symbol of eternity. It is an
outward sign of an inward and spiritual bond which unites two
hearts in endless love.

And now as a token of your love and of your deep desire to be
forever united in heart and soul, you Tony may place a ring on
the finger of your bride.

Tony: I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and
faithfulness to you.

Celebrant: By the same token Heather, you may place a ring on
the finger of your groom.

Heather: I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and
faithfulness to you.

Tony and Heather - These are the hands of your best friend,
young and strong and full of love
That hold yours on this YOUR wedding day.
These are the hands that will work alongside yours as
You continue to build your future together.

These are the hands that even when wrinkled with age
Will still be reaching for yours,
Still giving you the same unspoken tenderness
With just a touch A touch from these hands

The HandFasting Ceremony

Heather and Tony have chosen to include this tradition in their ceremony. This symbolises coming together and remaining together.

Ribbons to be presented by Patrick, Rebecca & Matthew
(representing the Irish and Scottish flag colours)

The term 'Tying the Knot' comes from the Celtic tradition of HandFasting. Now I bid you to look into one another's eyes and hearts...hand over hand.

These ribbons symbolise your life
Your love that two of you have found with one another
May you always be bound together with a beautiful love,
together as one.

Tony & Heather
Will you always see the positivity in each other
(We will)
And so the binding is made.

Tony & Heather
Will you always share each other's laughter
(We will)
And so the binding is complete.

Heather & Tony - you have now sealed your intention with your vows, by the giving and receiving of rings. You have now made your pledge to commit to one another in marriage.

The Sand Ceremony

This is the Unity blending of the family.

There are six colours which will be poured in a vase.

Heather - white symbolising purity, spiritual values and devotion.

Tony - red for love, passion, romance and happiness.

Patrick - orange for creativity, spontaneity and energy.

Rebecca - green for health, prosperity and luck.

Matthew - blue for strength, loyalty and commitment.

Family and friends - copper for nurturing, home and health.

This blending of the sand colours shows the commitment of the two personalities becoming one.

The Loving Cup Ceremony

From as far back as the 15th century, couples always toasted each other with a ceremonial loving cup. The purpose of the LOVING CUP is for Tony & Heather to share your first drink together as husband and wife.

Third Reading (by Vernon Wombwell)

ANAM CARA

by John O Donohue

In the Celtic tradition, there is a beautiful understanding of
love and friendship.

One of the fascinating ideas here is the idea of soul-love.

The old Gaelic term for this is Anam Cara.

Anam is the Gaelic word for soul and Cara is the word for
Friend.

So Anam Cara in the Celtic world was the "Soul Friend".

In everyone's life, there is a great need for an Anam Cara, a
Soul Friend.

In this love, you are understood as you are

You can be as you really are.

Love allows understanding to dawn,
and understanding is precious.

Where you are understood, you are at home.

Wedding CANDLE Ceremony

Celebrant: Bride and Groom, the two separate candles
symbolise your separate lives, separate families and separate
sets of friends, in other words, your lives before today.
Lighting the centre candle represents that your two lives are
now being joined together as one. Please pick up the lighted
candles and together light the centre candle.

The Signing Ceremony

(to be witnessed by Terry Spurgeon and Shirley Farthing)

The Pronouncement & Presentation

Heather & Tony, your wedding day is one that seems to fly, It's a day filled with emotion, friends and rings. many people remember how fleeting their wedding day was (pause)

So I want you to take a few seconds and STOP TIME to look into each other's eyes. Think about the happiness that you are feeling in this place, in this moment ***** really let that feeling register in your heart...

It is by love your marriage celebrates. Look at the road you travelled to reach this hour of your happiness and the adventure continues.

It is now that I, Antoinette Coleman-Kelly, in accordance with the Marriage Act of Ireland, do solemnise your marriage.

It therefore gives me the greatest pleasure to say the words you have been waiting to hear.

With the authority vested in me by the State, I now pronounce you husband and Wife.

Tony, you may now kiss your bride.

It gives me the most wonderful pleasure to present our most amazing couple,

**Tony & Heather
Mr & Mrs Sheill**

Congratulations!