

Dave & Kate 28 August 1993  
Round Barn Inn

4:30 Rehearse at BARN

Rick: Welcome. We are gathered in this beautiful place to witness the joining of Kate and David in marriage. They've learned that falling in love with another person and getting to know them is a little like the exploration of wild and lovely place, and that the intimacy and the surprises of the experience are a form of reverence.

A wedding ceremony is an outward form. To be true, it must be a symbol of something inner and real: a sacred personal union which nature might mirror, a church solemnize, or a state declare legal, but which only love can create and mutual loyalty fulfill.

To last, the marriage of these two must be a consecration of each to each other, and of both to the wider community of which they are a part.

I ask you both, as you stand in the presence of your families and friends, to remember that love and loyalty alone will avail as the foundation of a happy and enduring home. No other human ties are more tender, no other vows more sacred than those that you now assume. If these solemn vows are kept inviolate, and if you steadfastly endeavor to live according to the best that is within you, your life together will be full of joy, and the home that you are establishing will abide in peace.

David, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

David: I will.

Rick: Kate, will you have this man your wedded husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, for as long as you both shall live?

Kate: I will.

5) Grandpa Blessing of Wine  
1) Annie - Prophet in Hebrew  
2) Eliz. - Gaelic Song - Eliz. Vontrapp  
3) Burt - Read George & Sandra  
4) Mom/Dad - Change Vows

I fetch glass - bring for sip

Rick: Who presents this woman to be married to this man?

Parents: We do.

(holding hands)

(David repeating after Rick)

I, David, take you Kate, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live. This I solemnly vow.

(Kate repeating after Rick)

I, Kate, take you, David, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live. This I solemnly vow

Rick: May I have the rings please?

Rings are an ancient symbol, blessed and simple. Round like the sun, like the eye, like arms that embrace. Circles, for love that is given comes back round again and again. Therefore, may these symbols remind that your love, like the sun, illumines; that your love, like the eye, must see clearly; and that your love, like arms that embrace, is a grace upon this world.

(Rick gives rings to David and Kate)

David: With this ring I thee wed.

Kate: With this ring I thee wed.

Rick: Forasmuch as kate and david have consented together in holy matrimony, and have witnessed this before this company, and have made solemn vows to each other and have declared this by joining hands and exchanging rings, i pronounce them husband and wife.

May all blessings attend you.  
May joy pervade your lives together.  
May your home be forever a place of peace and true fulfillment.

KISS #3

Recessional

Aimee and Harry

Aimee & Harry

Matron of Honor Susan and Best Man Peter

Rick, Best Man, Groom- On cue from Harry, asks everyone to assemble. Makes sure people are in places. Wine should be pre-set.

Procession- Matron, then Bride with Father. Father kisses bride, shakes groom's hand, takes seat.

#### WELCOME

As Justice of Peace, pleased to be among Aimee and Harry's family and friends. Aimee and Harry are likewise very happy not only to be here to be married, but to have their families and friends here, both to share and to witness their marriage.

In the ceremony, we say that marriage is an honorable estate. An estate is not a simple thing. We often think of an estate as, well, like this lovely place around us, landforms, gardens, lawns, buildings- perhaps with a mansion or a castle, pathways, and people doing their various duties. Marriage is also a multi-faceted estate. For Aimee and Harry, it includes friendship, togetherness, and sharing. It includes respect and understanding, it includes future and security. It includes commitment and comfort. It includes love and tenderness.

In the ceremony, Aimee and Harry will vow to love and respect each other through thick and thin, good times and not so good, though the easy fun and the difficulties too. Life is often bittersweet.

Even today, now, we must balance our sense of joy and delight in this marriage, with the solemnity of the vows which Harry and Aimee are making.

Even today, now, we must balance our enjoyment of the gathering together of family and friends, with remembrance of loved ones who could not be here.

Harry's dad, ~~John~~ John ~~Carroll~~, was Harry's best friend who is missed until this day, and especially on this special day.

Aimee's mother, Catherine Ann ~~Ann~~, through her devotion and love to Aimee as a child, created the best part of what Aimee is, bringing her to this marriage.

Aimee's cousin, Hilda, who Aimee always considered a second grandmother.

We know that these and other family and friends not present, would want us to tip the balance in favor of joy over solemnity on their account. With their spirit in our hearts, let us marry this couple in joy.

I asked Aimee and Harry to give me some clues as to what I could say about what marriage means to them. The letter I received puts it in their own words, mostly Aimee's, and better than I can rephrase....

excerpt their letter

Aimee and Harry also found an expression of their feelings in the poetry of the Spanish Poet, Pablo Neruda,

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People tell you when you find the right person you will just know, as though this light bulb will go off in your head. There are many times when someone is single that they think they've found the right person they can share their life with, but it is true when they meet the person they will marry (at least the first time), it just feels right.

Suddenly all of the doubts and fears are gone and it's just this wonderful comfortable feeling like an old blanket or favorite work of art.

You know they're the right person for tangible reasons. You share the same hopes and dreams, interests, likes and dislikes. But more than that, there's something inside of you which tells you you don't have to run away from them, or have doubts anymore. It's as though you've been on this endless journey and have finally come to the end of it, but the end is really the beginning. And you can trust them without forcing it and love them without fear.

As Harry put it, there is a sense of fulfillment and contentment which comes from inside yourself.

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Pablo Neruda

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Two happy lovers make one bread,  
a single moon drop in the grass.  
Walking, they cast two shadows that flow together;  
waking, they leave one sun empty in their bed.

Of all the possible truths, they chose the day;  
they held it, not with ropes but with an aroma.  
They did not shred the peace; they did not shatter words;  
their happiness is a transparent tower.

The air and wine accompany the lovers.  
The night delights them with its joyous petals.  
They have a right to all the carnations.

Two happy lovers, without an ending, with no death,  
they are born, they die, many times while they live:  
they have the eternal life of the Natural.



## STATEMENT

Marriage is where two people unite their lives, where two loving communities of families and friends become one. Dearly beloved, family and friends, we are gathered here in the presence of God and in each other's presence as witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is an honorable estate. It is therefore not to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently and discreetly, soberly, and intelligently.

Who gives the woman to be wed to this man?  
father of bride responds

## CHARGE & QUERY

I require and charge you both, as you stand in the presence of God and these witnesses, to remember that love and loyalty alone will prevail as the foundation of a happy and enduring home. No other human ties are more tender, no other vows more sacred than those you will now assume.

Harry, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep thee only unto her, so long as you both shall live? (I Will.)

Aimee, will you have this man to be your wedded husband? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep thee only unto him, so long as you both shall live? (I Will.)

## VOWS

Join hands. (Aimee hands bouquet to maid of honor, turn and face each other)

Repeat after me.

I, Harry, take thee, Aimee, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.

I, Aimee, take thee, Harry, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.

## RINGS

May we have the rings. (Best man and Maid of honor hand rings to groom and bride.)

(Harry puts ring on Aimees finger to first knuckle.)

(to Harry) Repeat after me- With this ring, I thee wed. (eye contact with bride! push it on)

(Aimee places ring on Harrys finger, up to first knuckle)  
Repeat after me- With this ring, I thee wed. (eye contact, push it on, then hold hands)

WINE (who has it?)

The sharing of the fruit of life is like the sharing of the fruit of the vine, which grows where it is well-tended even in the face of adversity, offering its sweetness to those who would share of themselves in its labor. Aimee and Harry have taken vows to share in the rain and sun, in rocky or pleasant pastures. They share this cup of wine to seal those vows.

(Harry offers Aimee a sip, then she offers him one. Brief kiss.)

May the sweetness on your lips remind you of the joy of today, which is available every day to who care well for each other.

#### DECLARATION

Forasmuch as Aimee and Harry have consented together in wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this good company, and have declared the same by joining hands and by giving and receiving rings, and have shared a cup of wine only with each other, by the authority vested in me as Justice of the Peace, I pronounce that they are husband and wife together. May your life together be long and happy.

(Kiss and Applause)

It gives me great pleasure to present Mr and Mrs Harry and Aimee

(more applause and another kiss)

#### BENEDICTION

For now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be a shelter to the other.

Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other.

Now there is no loneliness for you

Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you.

Go now to your dwelling place, to enter into the days of your togetherness

And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

(I suggest another kiss and more applause.)

RECEIVING, in place, or wherever led by Bride and Groom. Matron moves between groom and best man. Family can join line beyond best man.

J.P.

Some think that magic is a thing only Magicians can possess, that it is the mystery of a disappearing coin, the spectacle of doves pulled from a silken hat.

Some think that magic is a gimmick, a secret perfectly-kept by men in black capes, working on a darkened stage.

They are wrong.

Magic is that passionate junction where two lives meet, intertwine, and become one. It is the merging of old hopes, the support of shared fears, the promise of new laughter.

Anne and Brian, you are here because you have found in one another that magic. You stand now at that junction. Before you is a long and winding road. Its every turning offers challenge and discovery. You must now decide if you will take that path together, hand in hand.

Anne, is this your desire?

(Anne) (It is.)

Brian, is this your wish?

(Brian) (It is.)

JP:

Please turn and face each other.  
(We do so, and join hands)

Will you then, Anne, repeat after me:

Break  
into  
segments

{ My darling Brian, I take you as my  
husband, from this day forward, to love  
and to cherish, to honor and respect,  
for richer and for poorer, for better  
and for worse, in sickness and in  
health, so long as we both shall live.  
(Anne repeats after each segment)

You may place the ring, as symbol of  
your commitment, on Brian's hand.  
(Anne does)

Will you then, Brian, repeat after me:

Break  
into  
segments

{ My darling Anne, I take you as my  
wife, from this day forward, to love  
and to cherish, to honor and respect,  
for richer and for poorer, for better  
and for worse, in sickness and in  
health, so long as we both shall live.  
(Brian repeats after each segment)

You may place the ring, as symbol of  
your commitment, on Anne's hand.  
(Brian does)

JP:

Since you have accepted the  
vows which bind you together in your  
love, and by the giving and receiving  
of rings, have pledged yourselves to  
each other in my presence, I do now  
pronounce you husband and wife.

You may commence your marriage,  
with a kiss.

- END of CEREMONY -

Between the  
apple trees and pond  
on Bragg Hill. Sunny.  
Groom late!

WEDDING CEREMONY  
for  
Judith Howard *senior*  
and  
Kenneth Lane *senior*

AUGUST 27, 1994

11:30 - 12:00 Music & Seating and distribution of programs.

PROCESSION: "CHERISH THE DAY" Sade.

INTRODUCTION & GREETING: RICK

In a small town you get to know everyone and looking at this group today, I see a lot of friends. That's the nice thing about a small town. There's a sense of community, of connectedness, and in a way that's what we're here for today. For marriage is not only a ceremony where two people unite their lives, but one where two loving communities of friends and family become one.

Kenny & Judy truly rejoice to see so many loving faces here to celebrate their new life together, the faces of their family and dearest friends.

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UNISON READING BY EVERYONE: We can derive no moral from love except the moral to love more deeply. We can expect nothing from love except what love gives. We cannot choose what chances and changes which may befall us, but we can shape the spirit with which we shall meet them.

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RICK

We are gathered here at this time to witness and celebrate the coming together of two separate lives. We have come to join this man, Kenny, and this woman, Judy, in marriage, to be with them and rejoice with them in the making of this important commitment. The essence of this commitment is the acceptance of another person in his or her entirety, as lover, companion, and friend. It is therefore a decision which is not to be entered into lightly, but rather undertaken with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself.

Love is one of the highest experiences that we human beings can have, and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The sensual part of love is one of life's greatest joys, and when this is combined with real friendship both are infinitely enhanced. The day-to-day companionship-- the pleasure in doing things together, or in doing separate things but in delighting to exchange experiences-- is a continuous and central part of what a man and a woman who love each other can share.

RICK (continued)

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives, yet this sharing must not diminish but enhance the individuality of each partner.

"Love is that relation between man and woman in which the independence is equal, the dependence mutual, and the obligation reciprocal."

A marriage that lasts is one which is continuously developing and in which each person is individually developing, while growing in understanding of the other. Deep knowledge of another is not something that can be achieved in a short time, and real understanding of the other's feelings can develop fully only with years of intimacy. This wonderful knowledge of another person grows out of really caring for the other so much that one wants to understand as completely as possible what the other is feeling. Thus it is possible to share not only joys and successes but also the burden of sorrows and failures. To be known in this way is a priceless thing, because such understanding and acceptance make it easier to live with our problems and failings and worries. But, again, while marriage is the intimate sharing of two lives, it can yet enhance the differences and individuality of each partner.

We must give ourselves in love, but we must not give ourselves away. A good and balanced relationship is one in which neither person is overpowered or absorbed by the other. Thus it is out of the tension between separateness and union that love, whose incredible strength is equal only to its incredible fragility, is born and reborn.

We are here today then, to bless and celebrate the love which Kenny and Judy have for each other, and to give social recognition to their decision to accept each other totally and permanently. Into this state of marriage these two persons come now to be united.

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BRIDE & GROOM READING OF "MY PROMISE TO LOVE YOU"

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RICK: (To the Groom) Do you, Kenny, take Judy to be the wife of your days, to love and to cherish, to respect and to care for, in sorrow and joy, in hardship or in ease, to have and to hold from this day forth?

KENNY: I do.

RICK: (To the Bride) Do you, Judy, take Kenny to be the husband of your days, to love and to cherish, to respect and to care for, in sorrow and joy, in hardship or in ease, to have and to hold from this day forth.

JUDY: I do.

## EXCHANGE OF RINGS

RICK: The circle has long been a symbol of love. Without beginning or end and with no point of weakness, the circle is a reminder of the eternal quality of love and of unending strength. Thus these rings serve to remind us of the relationship which Kenny and Judy have with one another. The rings are symbols of love's promise and serve as reminders of our need to be soulful in all our relationships.

The vows, which were exchanged by Kenny and Judy, have been offered within our hearing. When we are absent from their lives, the wedding rings become their enduring symbol of the promises which they have made.

May these wedding rings be a reminder to Kenny and Judy of their promise to love each other as witness to all the world of their commitment in marriage.

KENNY: As a symbol of my love for you and my commitment to you throughout our lives, I give you this ring.

JUDY: As a symbol of my love for you and my commitment to you throughout our lives, I give you this ring.

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PRAYER: Let us pray. Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life; send us thy blessing upon this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that they may surely perform and keep the promises made between them, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to your word. Look graciously upon them, that they may love, respect, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and with tolerance and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and a place of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

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PRONOUNCEMENT:

RICK: Since Kenny & Judy have consented together in the bond of marriage and have pledged themselves each to the other in the presence of God and these witnesses, be it thereby acknowledged that they are husband and wife.

Kenny & Judy, you may now seal this ceremony with a kiss.

May these two people, now married, in accepting the affection of friends and relatives, also return their love to the world. May the love that Kenny and Judy have for each other and which they share with all of you here, grow stronger and richer, and their marriage be fruitful.

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**BENEDICTION:**

For now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be a  
shelter to the other.  
Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to  
the other  
Now there is no loneliness for you  
Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before  
you  
Go now to your dwelling place, to enter into the days of  
your togetherness and separateness  
And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

Adapted from an Apache Poem.

Friends and Family, I would now like to introduce to you Mr. &  
Mrs. *OKEN*

**POSTLUDE:**

**MY PROMISE TO LOVE YOU**

I promise to give you the best of myself...  
and to ask of you no more than you can give...

I promise to accept you the way you are...  
I fell in love with you for the qualities,  
abilities, and outlook on life that you have,  
and I won't try to reshape you  
in a different image.

I promise to respect you as a person with your own  
Interests, desires, and needs,  
And to realize that those are sometimes different--  
But no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you...  
my time, my close attention,  
and to bring joy and strength  
and imagination to our relationship.

I promise to keep myself open to you...  
to let you see through the window  
of my personal world into my innermost  
feelings, secrets and dreams.

I promise to grow along with you...  
to be willing to *face change* as we both change  
in order to keep our relationship  
alive and exciting.

And finally,  
I promise to love you in good times and in bad,  
with all I have to give and all I feel inside...  
in the only way I know how...  
completely and forever.

--Dorothy R. Colgan