

“Basic Ceremony”

Opening Words

Good evening everyone. Welcome to Lakeville. Welcome to the Delta Waterfront Hotel, and welcome to the wedding of Alex Good and Corey Smart.

My name is James McDonald.

I am a Humanist Officiant appointed by Humanist Canada and licensed to perform this ceremony by the Province of Ontario.

We are happy so many of you could be here today. One of the wonderful things about a wedding is that it also serves as a multi-family reunion, and it is always interesting to learn how far people travel to be here on this special day.

We have guests from Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor, and all the way from Clearwater, Florida.

Alex and Corey thank you for traveling here today.

Also – we remember and acknowledge family and friends who could not be here. Let us take a moment to think of those we wish could be here today.

Today represents the beginning of a new life together for Alex and Corey. This day is made more special for them because all of you are here. You represent the community of friends and family that will support them from this day forward as they grow and live their lives as a loving married couple.

The following samples of advice are from happily married couples:

The happiest people don't *have* the best of everything. They *make* the best of everything.

Marriage should not be about looking at each other, but looking in the same direction.

Some people *say* I love you, and some people will *show* I love you.

Say yes far more frequently than you say no.

To keep the fire burning brightly there's one easy rule: Keep the two logs together, near enough to keep each other warm and far enough apart – about a finger's breadth – for breathing room. Good fire, good marriage, same rule.

Declaration, Expression of Intent, and Vows

Do you, Alex Good (Corey Smart), solemnly declare that you know of no legal impediment that prevents you from marrying Corey Smart (Alex Good).

Alex (Corey): "I do."

I invite you now to declare your **Intentions**:

In the presence of family, friends and witnesses, do you, Alex Good (Corey Smart) take Corey Smart (Alex Good) to be your lawfully wedded wife (husband)?

Alex (Corey): "I do."

About Love:

Vincent Van Gogh: What is done in love is done well.
I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.

Ann Landers: Love is friendship that has caught fire.

From the movie *Good Will Hunting*:
You are not perfect. Your mate is not perfect.
What matters is if you are perfect together.

Ring Exchange

Each partner, Please repeat after me:

This ring is a symbol of my love for you, and a reminder that I am always by your side, and I will always be a faithful partner.

May this ring represent our today, our tomorrows, our future and our past.

Official Pronouncement

In front of family, friends, and witnesses assembled here today, Alex and Corey have pledged themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands, and the giving and receiving of rings.

Now, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Humanist Association of Canada and the Marriage Act of the Province of Ontario, I do hereby pronounce that you, Alex and Corey, are lawfully married.

Please seal your marriage with a **Kiss**

Sign Documents

Conclusion

A happy marriage requires falling in love many times,
and always with the same person.

Your wedding is today, but may the celebration
continue through the years.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to present to you
the married couple Alex and Corey!

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