

## Wedding Vows

### Couple One

— When we first met, there was something about you I had never seen in anyone before. It was like this ancient recognition. Like we had been in each other all along. Then we made each other laugh, and I knew we were made for each other.

I feel so so honored to be your partner in this life. I have always been in awe of your joy and this amazing bright light that shines from your huge heart. Your compassion is contagious. Your support is undying.

You are my reminder of the great cosmic joke. At the same time, you remind me to be humble and honest. You are truly my best friend.

I take you, Kelly, to be my husband from this day forward, to honor and love you. When things are most challenging, I will hold you in my strong wings, and then face you ... really see you ... not so we can sit idly by and melt into each other, but so that we can stand within the strength of this love - and have the courage to walk beside one another on this great earth.

### Couple Two

— My world changed the moment we met when you bounced thru the doors at the airport with your little knees knocking. I love your desire to have traveled across the world for me, your gentle and tender nature, your compassion and thoughtfulness, your passion for life, and your pronunciation of the English language. You make me laugh and you bring out the best in me. Sometimes I feel I couldn't love you any more than I do... I am grateful beyond belief that God brought us together and I couldn't see my life without you in it.

I, Mary, take you, Peter, to be my husband, loving what I know of you, and trusting what I do not yet know. I promise to be faithful, to love you, respect you and be honest with you always. I promise to be supportive of your goals and as you grow intellectually, emotionally and spiritually, I will be by your side rooting for you all the way. Never be afraid to confide in me. I promise to be a good listener and a safe confidant. You are always welcome into my innermost world, and I promise to share my goals and ideas with you. Peter, one day at a time I promise to love and cherish you through whatever life may bring us.

— When we hooked up on the Internet in 2003, we shared our personal and intimate history over the smell of fresh cut grass. I found myself living from one email to the next. Then, having seen your picture, the reflection of your beauty and hearing your lyrical voice over the phone, I prayed and prayed

quietly, for you were the one I had wished upon a star for, on all those mornings.

Faith and prayer led to our first date four months later. With anxiety and nervousness, I walked the long airport corridor towards you, trying to keep out of the way of expectations. There you were, the Golden Aura, the warmth and softness of your hand was paradoxically a true reflection of you, your inner self.

Mary, you are truly a gift from the Universe, across 5000 miles, two continents and 50 million people. What is the mathematical probability of us meeting and connecting in such a manner...PROVIDENCE...

With the Universe as witness, all that I am I offer to you Mary, in love and joy. I vow to cherish and honour you. To vow to support and to nurture you as my friend, companion and wife. I promise to forsake all others, to hold you close in my arms, and walk with you through life, wherever it may lead and whatever may come, in complete faith and trust. I want to look into those hazel eyes each day and say I love you.

### THE RING:

Mary, my love, I give you this ring as symbol of my love. That I freely choose to share my whole life's journey, my body, mind and spirit, with you. I will honour you and together we will become more of who we are, as we celebrate our life on this Earth. So shall it be.

### Couple Three

— Peter, I love you. Your big heart, your energy and exuberance, your devotion and loyalty to those you love constantly enthrall me. When we first met in poetry writing class, and workshopped our poems together, I felt seen, understood, and supported by you. Through you and with you I have learned to embrace my fears and live life with more freedom and passion than I had known was possible. You bring me joy. You are the one for me.

I, Mary, choose you, Peter,  
in the presence of our family and close friends,  
to be my husband and partner  
from this day forward.

I promise to love you,  
to listen deeply,  
to be your safe haven and confidant.  
To walk hand in hand down the path of life  
And always, to hold you close.  
To be empathetic  
and when that is a challenge,

to learn to be more compassionate.  
To nourish you with my gentleness,  
to uphold you with my strength.  
To weigh the effects of the words I speak and the things I do,  
To each day give thanks for your presence.

As together our lives unfold,  
I promise to be faithful,  
to always express my emotional truth  
to do my best to welcome the lessons that come  
when we rub against each other's sharp edges.

I choose to be with you always  
from this day until the end of our days.

— Mary,  
we are different  
and yet so the same.  
we understand each other –  
I love that about us.  
You encourage me to be who I am  
and who I want to be  
You present me the grace  
of acceptance, love and appreciation  
There is no greater gift  
I know who you are.  
I love who you are  
and I appreciate  
and accept you.

I, Peter, take you Mary, to be my wife  
for richer or poorer in any facet of life.  
I trust what I have yet to learn of you.  
I vow to be faithful and honest with you  
to be a listener and safe confidant,  
to love and cherish you  
in the sun  
and in the rain

I thank you for agreeing to our union  
and for our peaceful easy feeling.

#### THE RING:

This ring - smooth on the outside with lots of texture in the interior - symbolizes my love for you - may this ring honour and always seal our life together.