



# POEM SUGGESTIONS FOR WEDDINGS

## THESE I CAN PROMISE

**-Unknown**

I cannot promise you a life of sunshine;  
I cannot promise riches, wealth or gold;  
I cannot promise you an easy pathway  
That leads away from change or growing old.

But I can promise all my heart's devotion;  
A smile to chase away your tears of sorrow;  
A love that's ever true and ever growing;  
A hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow.  
Yes, I'll marry you.

## MY TRUE LOVE HATH MY HEART

**-Sir Phillip Sydney, sixteenth century**

My true love hath my heart and I have his,  
By just exchange, one for another given;  
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss;  
There ever was a better bargain driven.

My heart in my keeps him and me in one;  
My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides;  
He loves my heart, for once it was his own;  
I cherish his, because in me it bides.

My truth love hath my heart and I have his.

## LOVE

**-Christine Rossetti, nineteenth century**

What is the beginning? Love.  
What is the course. Love still.  
What is the goal. The goal is love.

On a happy hill. Is there nothing then but love?  
Search we sky or earth, there is nothing out of love Hath perpetual worth:  
All things flag but only love, All thins fail and flee;  
There is nothing left but love Worthy you and me

## **LOVE**

**-Roy Croft, twentieth century**

I love you Not only for what you are,  
But for what I am When I am with you.  
I love you Not only for what You have made of yourself,  
But for what You are making of me.

I love you For the part of me That you bring out;  
I love you For putting your hand Into my heaped-up heart  
And passing over All the foolish, weak things That you can't help Dimly seeing there,  
And for drawing out Into the light All the beautiful belongings  
That no one else had looked Quite far enough to find.

I love you because you Are helping me to make of the lumber o my life  
Not a tavern But a temple.  
Out of the works Of my every day  
Not a reproach But a song.

I love you Because you have done More than any creed Could have done To make me good. And  
more than any fate Could have done To make me happy.  
You have done it Without a touch, Without a word, Without a sign.  
You have done it By being yourself.  
Perhaps that is what Being a friend means, After all.

## **THE KEY TO LOVE**

**-Unknown**

The key to love is understanding...  
the ability to comprehend not only the spoken word,  
but those unspoken gestures,  
the little things that say so much by themselves.

The key to love is forgiveness...  
facing your good fortunes as well as the bad, together;  
both conquering problems,  
forever searching for ways to intensify your happiness.

The key to love is giving...  
without though of return, but with the hope of just a simple smile,  
and by giving in but never giving up.

The key to love is respect...  
realising that you are two separate people, with different ideas;  
that you don't belong to each other, that you belong with each other,  
and share a mutual bond.

The key to love is inside us all...  
It takes time and patience to unlock all the ingredients that will take you to its threshold;  
it is the continual learning process that demands a lot of work...  
but the rewards are more than worth the effort...  
and that is the key to love.

## **I CHOOSE YOU**

**-Ms Moem**

Life can be though as a series of choices made;  
We hope to look back and smile as our memories are replayed.  
Those once in a lifetime moments aren't always quick to show  
But when they do materialise, then somehow you just know.

I am happier now than I ever thought I would be;  
I love the person you are and the person you make me.  
We share an understanding, we share hopes and goals  
Together, united, we're two halves of one whole.

I will never take for granted that you've given me your heart  
And I gently carry it with me whenever we are apart.  
In return, I give you mine, to cherish and to hold.  
No promise is too great to make, you're worth your weight in gold.

Promises made. Vows declared. A dream to build. A life to share.  
I'm proud to utter the words "I do".  
As it tells the world that I choose you

## **THE ONE**

**-Unknown**

When the one whose hand you're holding  
is the one who holds your heart.  
When the one whose eyes you gaze into,  
gives your hopes and dreams their start.  
When the one you think of first and last  
Is the one who holds you tight,  
and the things you plan together  
make the world seem just right.

When the one whom you believe in  
puts their faith and trust in you.  
You've found the one and only love,  
you'll share your whole life through.

## **I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU**

**-Louise Cuddon**

I'll be there my darling, through thick and through thin  
When your mind's in a mess and your head's in a spin  
When your plane's been delayed, and you've missed the last train.  
When life is just threatening to drive you insane

When your thrilling whodunit has lost its last page  
When somebody tells you, you're looking your age  
When your coffee's too cool, and your wine is too warm  
When the forecast said "Fine", but you're out in a storm

When your quick break hotel, turns into a slum  
And your holiday photos show only your thumb  
When you park for five minutes in a resident's bay  
And return to discover you've been towed away

When the jeans that you bought in hope or in haste  
Just stick on your hips and don't reach round your waist  
When the food you most like brings you out in red rashes  
When as soon as you boot up the bloody thing crashes

So my darling, my sweetheart, my dear...  
When you break a rule, when you act the fool  
When you've got the flu, when you're in a stew  
When you're last in the queue, don't feel blue  
'cause I'm telling you, I'll be there.

## **I WILL BE HERE**

**-Steven Curtis Chapman**

"If in the morning when you wake,  
If the sun does not appear,  
I will be here.

If in the dark we lose sight of love,  
Hold my hand and have no fear,  
I will be here.

I will be here,  
When you feel like being quiet,  
When you need to speak your mind I will listen.  
Through the winning, losing, and trying we'll be together,  
And I will be here.

If in the morning when you wake,  
If the future is unclear,  
I will be here.

As sure as seasons were made for change,  
Our lifetimes were made for years,  
I will be here.

I will be here,  
And you can cry on my shoulder,  
When the mirror tells us we're older.  
I will hold you, to watch you grow in beauty,  
And tell you all the things you are to me.

We'll be together and I will be here.  
I will be true to the promises I've made,  
To you and to the one who gave you to me.  
I will be here."

## **POWM FOR A FRIENDS MARRIAGE**

**-Neil Gaiman**

“This is everything I have to tell you about love: *nothing*.  
This is everything I’ve learned about marriage: *nothing*.”

Only that the world out there is complicated,  
and there are beasts in the night, and delight and pain,  
and the only thing that makes it okay, sometimes,  
is to reach out a hand in the darkness and find another hand to squeeze,  
and not to be alone.

It’s not the kisses, or never just the kisses: it’s what they mean.  
Somebody’s got your back.  
Somebody knows your worst self and somehow doesn’t want to rescue you  
or send for the army to rescue them.

It’s not two broken halves becoming one.  
It’s the light from a distant lighthouse bringing you both safely home  
because home is wherever you are both together.

So this is everything I have to tell you about love and marriage: *nothing*,  
like a book without pages or a forest without trees.

Because there are things you cannot know before you experience them.  
Because no study can prepare you for the joys or the trials.  
Because nobody else’s love, nobody else’s marriage, is like yours,  
and it’s a road you can only learn by walking it,  
a dance you cannot be taught,  
a song that did not exist before you began, together, to sing.

And because in the darkness you will reach out a hand,  
not knowing for certain if someone else is even there.  
And your hands will meet,  
and then neither of you will ever need to be alone again.

And that’s all I know about love.”

## **LOVE ME**

**-Bee Rawlinson**

First up, probably the naughtiest one on the list,  
but side-splittingly good and with the sweetest ending.  
Love me when I’m old and shocking  
Peel off my elastic stockings  
Swing me from the chandeliers  
Let’s be randy bad old dears.

Push around my chromed bath chair  
Let me tease your white chest hair  
Scaring children, swapping dentures  
Let us have some great adventures

Take me to the dogs and bingo  
Teach me how to speak the lingo  
Bone my eels and bring me tea  
Show me how it's meant to be

Take me to your special places  
Watching all the puzzled faces  
You in shorts and socks and sandals  
Me with warts and huge love-handles

As the need for love enthrals  
Wrestle with my damp proof smalls  
Make me laugh without constraint  
Buy me chocolate body paint

Hold me safe throughout the night  
When my hair has turned to white  
Believe me when I say it's true  
I've waited all my life for you

### **DEVOTED**

**-Lori Eberhai**

“My heart can be your home,  
my soul can be your refuge.

You can turn to me when you are weak,  
you can call to me when the way is not clear.

I will be your promise and your prayer,  
I will always be there,  
Constant and complete.

Run to me,  
reach out for me,  
and I will love you in a unique and tender way.

Bring your love to me,  
share your love with me,  
sing your love to me,  
and I will offer you peace, ease and comfort.”

### ***POEM: SHORT, SWEET. TO THE POINT GUIDANCE FOR BOTH HALVES.***

**-Ogden Nash**

To keep your marriage brimming  
With love in the loving cup  
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;  
Whenever you're right, shut up.

## **IN ONE ANOTHER'S SOULS**

**-Rumi**

The moment I heard my first love story  
I started looking for you,  
Not knowing how useless that was.  
Lovers don't meet somewhere along the way.  
They're in one another's souls all along.

## **THE PRIVILEGED LOVERS**

**-Rumi**

"The moon has become a dancer at this festival of love.  
This dance of light, this sacred blessing, this divine love,  
beckons us to a world beyond, only lovers can see with their eyes of fiery passion.

They are the chosen ones who have surrendered.  
Once they were particles of light, now they are the radiant sun.  
They have left behind the world of deceitful games.  
They are the privileged lovers who create a new world  
with their eyes of fiery passion."

## **HOW DO I LOVE THEE?**

**-Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

## **I CARRY YOUR HEART WITH ME**

**-E.E. Cummings**

I carry your heart with me  
I carry it in my heart  
I am never without it anywhere I go you go, my dear;  
and whatever is done  
by only me is your doing, my darling.

I fear no fate for you are my fate, my sweet  
I want no world for beautiful you are my world, my true  
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

Here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
Here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows

Higher than soul can hope or mind can hide  
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

#### **FROM THE PROPHET**

**- Kahlil Gibran**

Love has no other desire but to fulfil itself.  
But if you love and must needs have desires, let here be your desires:  
To melt and be like a running brook that sings its melody to the night.  
To know the pain of too much tenderness.  
To be wounded by your own understanding of love;  
And to bleed willingly and joyfully.

To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving;  
To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy;  
To return home at eventide with gratitude;  
And then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart  
And a song of praise upon your lips.

#### **FROM A NAVAJO WEDDING CEREMONY**

Now you have lit a fire and that fire should not go out.  
The two of you now have a fire that represents love,  
understanding and a philosophy of life.  
It will give you heat, food, warmth and happiness.

The new fire represents a new beginning – a new life and a new family.  
The fire should keep burning; you should stay together.  
You have lit the fire for life, until old age separates you.  
A tapestry of love

Just as two very different threads woven in opposite directions can form a beautiful tapestry, so can  
your two lives merge together to form a beautiful marriage.  
To make your marriage work will take love.  
Love should be the core of your marriage;  
love is the reason you are here.

But it will also take trust – to know in your hearts  
you want the best for each other.  
It will take dedication to stay open to one another;  
to learn and to grow together even when this is not so easy to do.

It will take faith to always be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what  
tomorrow will bring.  
And it will take commitment to hold true to a journey you both now will share together.

## **I PROMISE**

**-Marcia A. Newton**

I promise to be true to you tomorrow and today.  
I promise I will love you. My love will never fade.  
I promise to be there for you in good times and in bad.  
I promise I will wear your ring and always hold your hand.

I promise I will care for you in sickness and in health.  
I promise to be there for you if we are poor or have wealth.  
I promise to be strong for you, for better or for worse.  
I promise I will comfort you when you need me the most.

I promise I will stand by you each and every day.  
I promise I will cherish you in very gentle ways.  
I promise to be patient, truthful, and kind.  
I promise I will walk with you until the end of time.

I promise to be faithful and a loving devoted spouse.  
I promise that our home will be more than just a house.  
I promise that our wedding life will be united in God's love.  
I promise that our children will be blessings from above.

I promise I will walk with you in laughter and in tears.  
I promise I will stay with you when there are doubts and fears.  
I promise to commit to you in body and in heart.  
I promise my whole life to you; until death do us part.

## **WEDDING VERSE**

**-Linda Harrison**

The time has come to stand side by side  
The Groom in his glory, his beautiful Bride.  
They've waited so long for this moment in time  
To take their vows and say, "Will you be mine?"

Marriage is precious and to be treasured.  
The love that you have can never be measured.  
It joins you as one, not just with a ring,  
But a future together and what it will bring.

Keep the love alive and make it last.  
Remember the good times don't live in the past.  
The bond that you have shows the world that you care,  
Not just for yourselves, but for the family you share.

Who knows what the future may hold?  
Stay strong together until you grow old.  
Be there for each other, keep good memories alive.  
With love and respect you will always survive.

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Never forget what brought you together.  
This special time is just for you,  
A time to remember when you've said "I do."

## **YOU'RE MY FOREVER**

**-Jim Contarino**

You're so special - more than you know and more than I show.  
You're my soul mate, you're my lover, you're all that I know.

It's your smile and it's your eyes; it's your heart and it's your cries.  
I'll love you forever, even long after we die.

You're my friend and you're my life.  
You're my light and you're my wife.

You're my shoulder and my strength.  
I would die for you and go to any length.

You're the person I need and the one who is there.  
I have you right now, and it doesn't seem fair.

'Cause right now isn't enough and forever is too soon.  
Without you I would die and not know what to do.

You're more than a friend and more than a wife, too.  
You're my forever, and forever isn't long enough for me and you.

There's a place in heaven waiting just for you.  
I pray there is room right there beside you for me, too.

You're a beautiful soul, and I could forget you never.  
I just pray that we are always together now and forever.