

Weddings & Ceremonies *in West Sussex*

Table of Contents

Apache Blessing.....	2
Us Two.....	3
These I Can Promise	4
A Good Celebration Cake.....	5
Soul Mate.....	6
Saga Song.....	7
Maybe	8
Promise	9
The Life that I have.....	10
Where there is Love.....	11
Whole Love.....	12
Do not walk in front of me.....	13
Make Me A Memory	14
I will.....	15
If you have	16

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Apache Blessing

Author Unknown

May the sun bring you new energy by day,
May the moon softly restore you by night,
May the rain wash away your worries
And the breeze blow new strength into your being,
And all of the days of your life may you walk
Gently through the world and know its beauty.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Us Two

Wherever I am, there's always Pooh
There's always Pooh and me
Whatever I do, he wants to do
"Where are you going to-day?" says Pooh;
"Well that's very odd' cos I was too.
Let's go together, "says Pooh, says he.
"Let's go together," says Pooh.

"What's twice eleven?" I said to Pooh,
(*"Twice what? "*said Pooh to me.)
" I *think* it ought to be twenty-two."
"Just what I think myself," said Pooh.
"It wasn't an easy sum to do,
But that's what it is, "said Pooh, said he.
"That's what it is," said Pooh.

"Let's look for dragons, " I said to Pooh.
"Yes let's," said Pooh to me
We crossed the river and found a few –"
Yes, those are dragons all right," said Pooh.
"As soon as I saw their beaks I knew.
That's what they are, " said Pooh, said he.
"That's what they are, "said Pooh.

"Let's frighten the dragons, "I said to Pooh
"That's right," said Pooh to me.
"I'm not afraid," I said to Pooh
And I held his paw and I shouted" Shoo!
Silly old dragons!" – and off they flew.
"I wasn't afraid," said Pooh, said he.
"I'm *never* afraid with you."

So wherever I am, there's always Pooh,
There's always Pooh and me
"What would I do?" I said to Pooh
"If it wasn't for you," and Pooh said:
"True it isn't much fun for One, but Two
can stick together," says Pooh, says he.
"That's how it is," says Pooh

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



These I Can Promise

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.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



A Good Celebration Cake

Author unknown

4Ib of Love

- ½ of good looks
- 1 lb of sweet temper
- 1 lb of butter of youth
- 1 lb of blindness of faults
- 1 lb of pounded wit
- 1 lb of good humour
- 2 tbs of sweet argument
- 1 pint of rippling laughter
- 1 wine glass of common sense
- A dash of modesty

Put the love, good looks and a sweet temper into a well-furnished house. Beat the butter of youth to a cream and mix well together with the blindness of faults. Stir the pounded wit and good humour into the sweet argument, then add the rippling laughter and common sense. Work the whole together until everything is well mixed, and bake gently for ever.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Soul Mate

Is there truly a soul mate?
Someone on whom you can always depend?
Someone who brings sunshine into your life
More than a lover and always a friend?

When you hear their voice and know they're safe ...
It is then when a smile lights up your face.
To know true love, you want to give of yourself.
Thoughts are of them and no one else.

It matters not if the road to happiness is a bumpy ride.
As long as your soul mate is by your side.

You can handle the storms for you see sunny weather.
Life is beautiful when you are together.

Borrow from tomorrow's sun if there are clouds today.
Pick flowers and savour them, as you pass along the way.

If you find your soul mate
And you love them so Never forget to let them know.

Love with fervour full of fire.
Let them know they are your heart's desire.
And if they give it all back to you,
Then you will know that they love you true.

Perhaps it was fate ... for you have found your
SOUL MATE.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Saga Song

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 ring 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 lives for you.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Maybe

Maybe.. we are supposed to meet the wrong people before meeting the Right one so that, when we finally meet the right person, we will know how to be grateful for that gift.

Maybe... It is true that we don't know what we have got until we lose it, but is also true that we don't know what we have been missing until it arrives

Maybe... the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Maybe... the best kind of love is the kind you can sit on a sofa together and never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

Maybe... you shouldn't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.

Maybe... you should hope for enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy.

Maybe... love is not about finding the perfect person, it's about learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.

Maybe... it's not just about finding the right person, it is about being the right partner.



Promise

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

I promise to respect you for the person you are and
To realise that your interests, desires and needs
Are no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and attention
And to bring you joy, comfort and strength.

I promise to keep myself open to you so that you
May see through the window of my world into my
Innermost feelings, secrets and dreams.

I promise to grow along with you and be ready to
Face the changes and challenges as they come into our lives.

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

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



The Life that I have

Leo Marks

The life that I have, is all that I have
The life that I have, is yours

The love that I have, of the life that I have
Is yours and yours and yours.

A sleep I shall have, a rest I shall have
Yet death will be but a pause

For the peace of my years, in the long green grass
Will be yours and yours and yours.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Where there is Love

Helen Steiner Rice

Where there is love the heart is light
Where there is love the day is bright
Where there is love there is a song
To help when things are going wrong
Where there is love
There is a smile
To make all things seem more worthwhile

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Whole Love

Robert Graves

Love me more than dearly, love me wholly
Love me with no weighing of circumstance
As I am pledged in honour to love you
With no weakness, with no speculation
On what might happen should you and I prove less
Than bringer-to-be of our own certainty

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Do not walk in front of me

Albert Calmus (1913-1960)

Do not walk in front of me,
I may not be able to follow

Do not walk behind me,
I may not be able to lead

Just walk beside me,
And be my friend.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



Make Me A Memory

Give me a day of delight and perfection
With never a shadow, or pang of regret.
A day to recall with a loving affection
To cherish for ever and never forget

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings



I will

When you are sad, I will dry your tears.
When you are scared, I will comfort your fears,
When you are worried, I will give you hope,
When you are confused, I will help you cope.
And when you are lost, and can't see the light,
I will be your beacon, shining ever so bright.
This is my oath: I pledge to the end.
Why you may ask?
Because you are my lover and friend.



If you have

If you have found a smile that is the sweetest one you've known,
If you have heard, within a voice, the echoes of your own
If you have felt a touch that stirs the longings of your heart,
And still can feel the closeness in the moments you're apart
If you have filled with wonder at the way two lives can blend,
To weave a perfect pattern that is seamless, end to end,
If you believe some things in life are simply meant to be,
Then you have found your soul mate, your hearts own destiny.

Suggested Civil Ceremony Readings
