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WELCOME

REGISTRAR: *Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the Highland Council may I take this opportunity of welcoming you here today at **Camusdarach** on the very happy occasion of the marriage between **Euan** and **Katie**. May I introduce myself: my name is **Sue Barnet** and I am an authorised Registrar for Highland.*

*We are here today to take part in a Civil Marriage Ceremony conducted in accordance with the Marriage laws of Scotland, through which you, **Euan** and you, **Katie** will form what is called a marriage contract. But the state of marriage is more than just a simple contract between two people. The Civil Law of Scotland recognises marriage as being essential for the protection and stability of the community and describes it as being the union of one man with one woman, entered into of their own free will and to the exclusion of all others.*

AFFIRMATIONS

Let us now go through the formal procedures required by the Marriage (Scotland) Acts of 1977 & 2002 and establish your marriage to each other. First, would you please confirm that you are

*(To Euan) Euan, from Blairgowrie ? **I am***

*(To Katie) And that you are Katie, from Blairgowrie? **I am***

*(To Euan) Euan , are you free in law to marry Katie ? **I am***

*(To Katie) Katie , are you free in law to marry Euan? **I am***

REGISTRAR *(When affirmations have been made):*

*You have both affirmed that you are free to marry one another. Would everyone please stand while **Euan** and **Katie** make their marriage declarations and vows.*

LOVE AND READINESS

K: Maybe we are supposed to meet the wrong people before we meet the right one so when they finally arrive we are truly grateful for the gift we have been given.

E: Maybe its true that we don't know what we have lost until we lose it but it is also true that we don't know what we're missing until it arrives.

K: Maybe the happiest of people don't have the best of everything, but make the best of everything that comes their way.

E: Maybe the best kind of love is the kind where you sit on the sofa together, not saying a word, and walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you ever had.

K: Maybe once in a lifetime you find someone who not only touches your heart but also your soul, someone who loves you for who you are and not what you could be.

E: Maybe the art of true love is not about finding the perfect person, but about seeing an imperfect person perfectly

E: We can only learn to love by loving. (Iris Murdoch)

K: If I know what love is, it is because of you. (Herman Hesse)

K: I love you, not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you.
(Roy Croft)

E: Love is, above all, the gift of one's self. (Jean Anouilh)

PREPARATION

REGISTRAR: *Euan and Katie, would you please join hands and face each other?*

Although the wedding vows or declarations you are about to make are brief, they are solemn and mean a great deal. When you accept each other as husband and wife, you are promising to share your lives with each other, facing the future together through the good and difficult times, the prosperous and lean years, loving and caring for each other from this day forward. When you love someone you are patient and kind – you are not consumed with envy nor are you boastful. And you come to realise that loving does not include being proud or rude or self-seeking; nor should you get easily angered or keep a record of wrongs.....rather, delighting in the truth with each other your aim is to protect and trust one another, always hoping and persevering so that in your love you never fail.

E: What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

K: Love one another and you will be happy. It's a simple and as difficult as that.

(Michael Leunig)

THE VOWS

REGISTRAR: (To Bridegroom): **Euan**, would you please repeat after me:

I, Euan MacDougall Nicol, solemnly and sincerely declare/ that I know of no legal impediment/ to my marrying this woman, Cathrin Howells,/ whose hands I hold/ and I now accept her as my lawful 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, honour and respect/ for the rest of our lives/ to the exclusion of all others.

REGISTRAR (To Bride): **Katie** , would you please repeat after me:

I, Cathrin Howells, solemnly and sincerely declare/ that I know of no legal impediment/ to my marrying this man, Euan MacDougall Nicol,/ whose hands I hold/ and I now accept him as my lawful 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, honour and respect/ for the rest of our lives/ to the exclusion of all others.

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THE ART OF A GOOD MARRIAGE

E: *Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.
A good marriage must be created.
In marriage the little things are the big things.*

K: It is never being too old to hold hands.
It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.
It is never going to sleep angry.

E: *It is never taking the other for granted;
the courtship should not end with the honeymoon,
it should continue through all the years.*

K: It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.
It is standing together facing the world.
It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

E: *It is doing things for each other,
not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice,
but in the spirit of joy.*

K: It is speaking words of appreciation
And demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

E: *It is not expecting the husband to wear a halo*

K: Or the wife to have wings of an angel.

E: *It is not looking for perfection in each other.
It is cultivating flexibility, patience,
Understanding and a sense of humour.*

K: It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

E: *It is finding room for the things of the spirit.
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.*

K: It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal,
Dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

E & K: It is not only *marrying* the right partner,
it is *being* the right partner.

THE RINGS

REGISTRAR *(To Euan): Euan, would you place the wedding ring on the third finger of Katie's left hand.*

E: *Katie, I give you this ring as a token of our marriage and of all that we share; with it, I give you all that I am and all I am to become, my whole heart for my whole life.*

REGISTRAR *(To Katie): Katie, would you place the wedding ring on the third finger of Euan's left hand.*

K: *Euan, I give you this ring as a token of our marriage and of all that we share; with it, I give you all that I am and all I am to become, my whole heart for my whole life.*

REGISTRAR: *May these rings be a symbol of your true faith in each other and always remind you of your love.*

PRONOUNCEMENT

REGISTRAR: *Now, following the binding declarations which you have made before me, in the presence of these witnesses, and, by the authority granted to me by the Registrar General for Scotland, I have great pleasure in pronouncing you husband and wife...*

AN EVERLASTING COMMITMENT

"I Will Be Here" - by Steven Curtis Chapman

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

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

K I will be here,
When you feel like being quiet,
When you need to speak your mind I will listen.

*E Through the winning, losing, and trying we'll be together,
And I will be here.*

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

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

K I will be here,
And you can cry on my shoulder,
When the mirror tells us we're older.

*E 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.*

E & K

**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. I will be here.**

REGISTRAR: *Congratulations and may you have a long and happy life together.
(Registrar asks company to be seated while the Schedule is signed).*