

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen

I would firstly like to thank you for coming today and helping to make Mark and Caroline's wedding such a memorable and special occasion...

I'd also like to say a tremendous thank you to the ushers, my fellow best man and of course the brides maids for the huge effort they have made to the proceedings...

We thought it would only be fair for us to pass on their personal messages to Mark and Caroline and to save paul and I from (having to) say so much!

The responses has been varied but run along very similar themes...

<< friends and brides maids quotes>>

<<Pauls early speech>>

When Mark first ask me to be his best man, I was touch and honour to do this for him.

Not only because we are such good friends, but it also meant that I could play some small part in seeing two of my best friends get married.

Mark and I met many years ago, and I think we immediately hit it off, I like many people, was drawn to Mark by his natural enthusiasms for life and his carefree, rather goofy nature.

But I quickly realised he possessed a very genuine and thoughtful side to him.

And I think that is what endures him to me as well as so many people who are here today...

I also think he is a tremendously Lucky person by nature!

How else can you explain, (how) he's managed to overcome so many obstacles in his life?

His dyslexia  
his colour blindness  
and his inability for use public loos

...surely this is enough to hinder any man? But not Mark, he has gone from strength to strength and over the years has been both successful in life as well as in his career.

His Luckiness would also explains how he managed to meet Caroline and for them to be where they are today! Newly weds...

(As I said earlier) I have been lucky enough to know and be friends with Caroline as long as I been friends with Mark.

Caroline is truly a wonderful person, genuinely funny and really good fun to be with.

She's kind and caring by nature and a friend you'd hope to have forever.

I only hope I have been as a good a friend to her over the years as she has been to me.

As a couple Mark and Caroline share their lives with every one around them and it is the greatest honour to spend any time with them.

I think it is fair to say that how a couple get married reflect the type of people they are and the way they live their lives.

Looking around at this great occasion, the style in which they have organise their wedding, reflects the modest and genuine couple they are.

<<Even their engagement, just a winters day, by the Thames after one of their many long runs, mark proposed to Caroline with a moment of pure spontaneity and grace.>>

It has been all our good fortunes to have such good friends as mark and Caroline...

And I have been more fortunate that most in recent years to have spent so much time with them and I hope that remains so for many years to come.

Mark and Caroline...

On behalf of everyone here, I'd like to thank you for both being such wonderful people and letting us be part of your lives.

(I love you both very much and) I wish you the all the joy happiness you much deserve...

<<Paul>>

Finally Ladies and gentlemen...

it gives me great pleasure to invite you all to stand and raise your glasses and to wish the newlyweds, Mark and Caroline... good health, happiness and a wonderful life together...

Ladies and gentlemen... Mr & Mrs Bezodis.