

PARTIAL SAMPLE of TRADITIONAL NON-RELIGIOUS:

MINISTER SAYS (to escort) Who brings this woman to be married to this man? (I do/we do)

(to guests) Welcome, ladies and gentlemen. It is my honor to tell you that **spouse1** and **spouse2** want to thank each of you for being here to share the joy as we join them together in devoted matrimony; which is an honorable estate, to be entered into reverently and with joy.

(to all) Let us begin with a reading of, *From the First Glance*, by Robert Fulghum: You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of your commitment. At some point, you decided to marry. From that moment of yes, to this moment of yes indeed, you have been making commitments in an informal way. All of those conversations you held ...in a car, or over a meal, or during long walks – all those conversations that began with, “When we’re married”.....

[SKIP TO I-DO’S]

(to bride) **spouse2**, do you take **spouse1** for your wedded husband to love, honor, comfort, and cherish him from this day forward, forsaking all others, keeping only unto him for as long as you both shall live? (I do)

spouse1 and **spouse2**, see before you your partner in life and your best friend. From this day forward you shall not walk alone. Let your heart be shelter for each other. Let your arms be home for each other. May all that you dream of, be yours together. And may your promises this day be made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally made new from this day forth and into the fullness of time.

[SKIP TO END]

From now on your plans shall be mutual, your joys and sorrows shall be shared. Just as you have committed yourselves to one another [and your family], so are these mixed grains of sand forever inseparable as are your hearts and souls in your new bond.

(to all) As those who Life’s Journey brought them here to be joined together today, let no one bring apart. In so much as **spouse1** and **spouse2** consented to be together in faithful wedlock, pledged the same to each other in the presence of those who love them, and declared same by the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife/ to each other.

(to couple) I ask you now to seal your vows with a kiss! (*BIG kiss*)

(to all) Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you as forever in love, the new _____!

(*minister announces and blows Triton shell horn*) *OPTIONAL*