

My Vows

You are amazing.

You are kind, intelligent, humorous, and beautiful.

You even cook – and how!

Respect? Yes. Cherish? Absolutely. But the better description is, I am in awe.

For the past couple decades I have had a vision of what a relationship could be. Not infrequently I was told I had unrealistic expectations. But I searched on. I envisioned a person who was, well, kind, intelligent, and beautiful. But more than that I pictured the dynamics of a relationship.

We would truly be equals. Trusting each other's judgment and relying on each other. Working shoulder to shoulder toward common goals.

We would read and understand each other – we'd talk the same language. This communication was so important to me I made a wall mural of faces in my entryway of two people talking to each other, a daily reminder of my quest.

Most of all, we would connect. I have often described this as lightening to a grounding rod, the current unbelievably strong and unbreakable. I have a clear memory of the first time I started letting that current flow to you, the first time all my senses told me, finally, I could connect to someone in the way I'd always dreamed. I have never felt so safe, or so content, with any person.

Instead of being too demanding or having too high of expectations, I now know my expectations were actually low; you have exceeded my most cherished dreams.

Now we are about to embark on a journey. Together.

I feel like I am standing on a horizon.

I see bright sunshine. I can't make out the details, but I can tell it looks *really good*.

Yes, there will be bumps. But somehow the big bumps seem so far behind me now. What I can tell is there is lots and lots and lots of good stuff. I *cannot* wait to see what unfolds as the years roll by. We have barely started and already there are so many goals I picture us achieving.

Before you came into my life, I had a wonderful life. A life much better than I ever imagined growing up. Then you came along, and my life became an order of magnitude richer, deeper, and yet more wonderful.

That's the way it's supposed to be.
That's the way I always want it to be.
You and me. Together. Forever.

You not in my life is a picture I don't want to envision. Ever.

My pledge to you is all of me. Every last little drop.

Today I choose to spend the rest of my life with you. My greatest hope is for each of us to bring out the best in each other.

I love you. You are THE BEST!

Rings

Some may have noticed I like the number 3. Your engagement ring has three diamonds. Two wedding bands yields three rings. Yes, good things do come in three's.

So, with these three bands, I triple bind my heart to yours.