Best man speech for a second marriage: what to say

Write it like any good best man speech, but keep every line about this couple and this day. Introduce yourself, tell one or two stories that show who he is now, say something specific about his partner, then toast them. Skip jokes about divorce, “trying again” or comparing weddings. If children or a blended family are part of their life, a warm sentence is enough.

Checklist

- [ ] Present tense wins. “He is steadier with her” beats “he finally got it right.”
- [ ] One story from this relationship is worth more than a timeline of his life.
- [ ] Name the partner early so the speech is about the couple, not a friendship retrospective.
- [ ] Match the tone of the day. Second weddings are often smaller and more relaxed; a short, warm speech fits.
- [ ] Exes, by name or by implication.
- [ ] Divorce jokes, court jokes, or “round two” punchlines.
- [ ] “You finally found the right one” or “this time it’ll stick.”
- [ ] Comparisons between partners, weddings or families.
- [ ] Advice about how to make marriage work after a hard chapter.
- [ ] A Tuesday story. How he shows up on an ordinary week: the lift, the hospital car park, the late train he waited for.
- [ ] The first time you met his partner and what you noticed without being told.
- [ ] A habit that softens when they are together — lateness, stubbornness, overpacking — without making the partner the punchline.
- [ ] Blended family, if true. One sentence about how he is with the children, or how they have built a household, then move on. Do not narrate custody or logistics.

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