

Welcome, everyone, to Jayne and Jon's wedding.

I know that a lot of you have traveled a great distance for this momentous event, the joining of two of our favorite people in the world, two people who bring a lot of light and love into all of our lives.

Some of you have crossed the great divide of America, making the journey from our country's northeast to join us here in the farthest corner of the southwest.

And some of you have crossed the Atlantic Ocean, arriving from a city that has mythical status in the minds of many of us, Liverpool, the city that gave us one of our favorite bands and the city that gave us the lovely Jayne Battle.

So, I'd like to start our ceremony today by quoting those soothsayers of the 1960s, the Beatles, and I hope you will all join me with gusto.

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: OBLADI, OBLADA.

I first met Jon Erickson in 2003, when he and I worked on a record together. He talked to me all about Jayne and the life that they were building together, their dreams to buy a place in La Jolla and one day to open a restaurant.

AND LET US SAY: OBLADI, OBLADA.

I met Jayne Battle for the first time when Jon and I were working on another record in New York and Jayne came in

for a visit: we dined together at one of their favorite restaurants, Balthazar — the restaurant that would later serve as the backdrop for their engagement. It wasn't long, after much hard work and sacrifice (and the support of their loving families), that they continued to build that dream and bought their home in La Jolla.

AND LET US SAY: OBLADI, OBLADA.

Since that time, I have watched Jayne and Jon build their wonderful restaurant, where they share their love of great food and wine and they have created a "barrow in the marketplace" and a "home" where conviviality and friendship are celebrated nightly. Well, six nights a week: they're closed on Mondays in case you haven't been.

AND LET US SAY: OBLADI, OBLADA.

Jayne, Jon, and I have opened a lot of great wine together. And no wedding ceremony would be complete without a symbolic glass of wine. Wine is one of the oldest miracles of humankind and it is a symbol for celebration and sharing. And so now I will ask Jayne and Jon each to take a sip from this glass.

AND LET US SAY: OBLADI, OBLADA.

The French writer Balzac wrote that "Marriage is a fierce battle before which the two partners ask heaven for its blessing, because loving each other is the most audacious of enterprises."

Marriage is not a "social contract" into which we enter lightly. And just as Balzac points out, it is the "most audacious of enterprises."

Jayne and Jon, we have spent so much time together over the last nine months, working together, playing together, listening to our favorite music and enjoying the summer of 2008. Whether "in the weeds" as we say in restaurant parlance, working under extreme pressure at Jaynes Gastropub, or whether hanging out at Bahia Don Bravo, our favorite taco shack, sharing some of our favorite wines together, I have seen in you the love, devotion, admiration, and most importantly consideration that I know will accompany you on this "audacious" journey. Together, you have followed audacious dreams before: your beautiful apartment in La Jolla and now your successful restaurant in San Diego. As you now set out on one of life's greatest adventures, I am convinced that you have the "right stuff."

Love is one of life's greatest and most rewarding experiences and — Jayne and Jon — you are truly an example of the great love that can grow between two persons.

May the heavens bless you...

AND LET US SAY: OBLADI OBLADA

## VOWS

JON, will you have this woman to be your wife, in all love and honor, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her and cherish her in this bond of marriage? If so, please answer I will.

I WILL.

JAYNE, will you have this man to be your husband in all love and honor, in all faith and tenderness, to live with him and cherish him, in this bond of marriage? If so, please answer I will.

I WILL.

JON, please repeat after me: I, JON ERICKSON, take thee JAYNE BATTLE to be my wedded wife,

and I do promise before these witnesses, to be thy loving and faithful husband

in plenty and want, in joy and in sorrow,

in sickness and health as long as we both shall live.

JAYNE, please repeat after me: I, JAYNE BATTLE, take thee JON ERICKSON to be my wedded husband,

and I do promise before these witnesses, to be thy loving and faithful wife

in plenty and want, in joy and sorrow,

in sickness and health as long as we both shall live.

By the powers vested in me by the Universal Life Church and accredited by the County of San Diego, I pronounce you HUSBAND AND WIFE.