

Good evening, everyone. I appreciate you giving me your attention for just a few minutes. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Robert. Steve is my dad, and today I get to be his best man. And after getting to know these guys here, it's a good thing he chose me.

So I'll try to be brief. When I found out I would be the best man, I was excited, honored, and also a little nervous. This toast was the hardest part. I spent some time looking at tips online, and realized that everything is geared toward a best man who is a friend of the groom. Nothing about being the son of the groom. So I get to tackle this toast without the help of any on-line advice sites or Best Man How To lists.

I want to start by thanking everyone for coming. This is a wonderful setting for an even more wonderful event. And except for having to stand outside in the sun in a full tux, it was a beautiful ceremony. But most impressive, of course, was the bride. You look gorgeous, Janette.

I've seen my dad change over the last few years. And not just my dad, but all of us. We've had to adjust, do some things differently, and some things not at all. But as I've grown up, our relationship has matured, and so too has our understanding of each other. And the one constant among all that change is that I've seen him steadily become a happier, fuller person. And I know it's not because of my sisters and I growing up and moving out (That just adds to his head of grey hair). No, that happiness and fullness – it's because of Janette. It's because she brings a passion for and a love of life to their relationship that has re-ignited his own. It's a cliché, but life is full of ups and downs. Changes. And adapting takes work and spirit and love: things that these two have more than enough of. You can see it in them when they're at home, hosting a dinner party. Or when they're out with friends having a night on the town. You can see it now. Janette, thank you for bringing your spirit, light, and joy to our family.

Thinking back just a moment ago to how there are no guides for sons as best mans, the question was posed at our trip to the city two weeks ago – how many sons have the chance to not only be at their father's wedding, but to be the best man at their fathers wedding? The answer, I would assume, is not many. So while I have this moment I need to make sure I tell my dad how incredibly proud of him I am. Dad, you and Janette have something special, and I'm very thankful to be a part of it.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this evening possible. To family, friends, and loved ones. But most of all, the bride and groom. So let's all raise our glasses...

Dad, Janette. Change is inevitable. But may that change continue to bring you closer to each other in your love and your happiness. Cheers.