Good evening, everyone.

I’m Priya’s chief bridesmaid and her best friend since primary school, which means I’ve loved her since the days of oversized book bags and paper crowns. On our first day, I was the nervous one, and Priya sat beside me and quietly folded a crown out of scrap paper so I’d feel brave. That’s her in a nutshell: creative, determined, and the kind of person who makes you feel taller just by standing next to you.

Years later, at a charity fundraiser in Manchester, I watched her meet Daniel by the raffle table. He was calm, thoughtful, somehow managing to keep count of a thousand ticket numbers while Priya tried to convince the DJ to turn the lights back on. They went for street food on their first date; Priya came home talking about the bao buns and I remember thinking, “She’s actually talking slower—this one must be good.”

They moved in together during lockdown and built a little world that ran on playlists, patience and late-night tea. They got engaged at the Edinburgh Fringe, where the punchline of the day turned out to be a ring. Very Priya. Very Daniel. Completely them.

Together they’re adventurous and endlessly kind. They collect brunch spots like other people collect fridge magnets, they know more UK train platforms than most conductors, and on weeknights they boulder—taking turns to fall and to catch. If that isn’t a rehearsal for marriage, I don’t know what is.

To the brilliant bridal party and families on both sides—thank you for today, for your hands, your time, your laughter.

Priya and Daniel, my wish for you is simple: a lifetime of laughter, late-night tea,

new adventures—and the steady courage to keep choosing each other, on ordinary Tuesdays and on days like this.

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Please raise your glasses to Priya and Daniel—may your home always feel like the best part of the journey.

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