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Ceremonious
Wedding Ceremony
Standard Script

*Items in green will be directly exchanged for
language appropriate to the couple.*

Welcome

CELEBRANT

Good **afternoon/morning/evening** and welcome! I have it on good authority that the **brides/grooms/couple** are in the vicinity, so please ensure your phones are off, and your eyes and ears are on.

Dakota and **Hobart** have a photographer on hand, so they ask that you put your cameras away and enjoy the ceremony.

Wait for go-ahead.

CELEBRANT

Please stand for the **brides/grooms/couple**.

Processional

♪ *'Here Comes the Sun' by The Beatles.*

Acknowledgement of Country

CELEBRANT

For over a hundred thousand years, this continent has seen Australians marrying and living their lives together. As we gather here in the Kulin nation to celebrate another, we acknowledge the Boonwurrung as the traditional custodians of this land. We acknowledge their ancient and continuing relationship with the land, and thank the elders for the privilege we have to live here in peace and freedom.

Poem

CELEBRANT

Dakota's niece will now read a poem by **Maya Angelou**, *Touched by an Angel*, to bless this marriage.

DAKOTA'S NIECE

We, unaccustomed to courage,
exiles from delight,
live coiled in shells of loneliness
until love leaves its holy temple
and comes into our sight
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives,
and in its train come ecstasies;
old memories of pleasure;
ancient histories of pain.
Yet if we are bold,
love strikes away the chains of fear
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity
in the flush of love's light
we dare be brave
and suddenly we see
that love costs all we are
and will ever be.
Yet it is only love
which sets us free.

Monitum

CELEBRANT

Hobart and Dakota, knowing that love is what sets us free, your family and friends have come here today to offer their support for

your marriage, and to wish you every happiness for your life together.

And I have come because I am duly authorised by law to solemnise marriages according to law. Before you are joined in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I am to remind you of the solemn and binding nature of the relationship into which you are now about to enter. Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of two people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

Asking

CELEBRANT

So, with that in mind, I'm now going to ask you to confirm that that is what you're here for.

Dakota, do you take **Hobart** to be your **husband/wife/spouse**: to love, respect and care for **him/her/them** for the rest of your life?

DAKOTA

I do.

CELEBRANT

Hobart, do you take **Dakota** to be your **husband/wife/spouse**: to love, respect and care for **him/her/them** for the rest of your life?

HOBART

I do.

Dedication

CELEBRANT

Now, then, I ask both of you to take each other's hand and recite the Buddhist wedding dedication:

THE COUPLE

Today we promise to dedicate ourselves completely to each other, with body, speech and mind.

In this life, in every situation, in wealth or poverty, in health or sickness, in happiness or difficulty, we will work to help each other perfectly.

Vows

CELEBRANT

Hobart, would you repeat your vows after me:

I ask the people here present

HOBART

I ask the people here present

CELEBRANT

To witness that I, Hobart Sidney Jones,

HOBART

To witness that I, Hobart Sidney Jones,

CELEBRANT

take you, Dakota Briar Patel,

HOBART

take you, Dakota Briar Patel,

CELEBRANT

to be my lawful wedded husband/wife/spouse.

HOBART

to be my lawful wedded husband/wife/spouse.

CELEBRANT

I give you my heart

HOBART

I give you my heart

CELEBRANT

I give you my time

HOBART

I give you my time

CELEBRANT

I give you my mind

HOBART

I give you my mind

CELEBRANT

For as long as I live.

HOBART

For as long as I live.

CELEBRANT

Dakota, would you repeat your vows after me:

I ask the people here present

DAKOTA

I ask the people here present

CELEBRANT

*To witness that I, *Dakota Briar Patel*,*

DAKOTA

To witness that I, *Dakota Briar Patel*,

CELEBRANT

*take you, *Hobart Sidney Jones*,*

DAKOTA

take you, **Hobart Sidney Jones**,

CELEBRANT

*to be my lawful wedded **husband/wife/spouse**.*

DAKOTA

to be my lawful wedded **husband/wife/spouse**.

CELEBRANT

I give you my heart

DAKOTA

I give you my heart

CELEBRANT

I give you my time

DAKOTA

I give you my time

CELEBRANT

I give you my mind

DAKOTA

I give you my mind

CELEBRANT

For as long as I live.

DAKOTA

For as long as I live.

Rings

CELEBRANT

Dakota and **Hobart** have decided to exchange rings today as a symbol of their unending love. **Finley**, may I have the rings?

FINLEY passes the rings to the CELEBRANT.

CELEBRANT

Dakota, please take Hobart's ring and repeat after me:

Hobart, please accept this ring as a symbol of the love I feel for you.

DAKOTA

Hobart, please accept this ring as a symbol of the love I feel for you.

CELEBRANT

I ask that you wear it every day

DAKOTA

I ask that you wear it every day

CELEBRANT

To remind yourself of my love

DAKOTA

To remind yourself of my love

CELEBRANT

And to show the world that we are one.

DAKOTA

And to show the world that we are one.

DAKOTA pushes the ring onto HOBART's finger.

CELEBRANT

Hobart, please take Dakota's ring and repeat after me:

Dakota, please accept this ring as a symbol of the love I feel for you.

HOBART

Dakota, please accept this ring as a symbol of the love I feel for you.

CELEBRANT

I ask that you wear it every day

HOBART

I ask that you wear it every day

CELEBRANT

To remind yourself of my love

HOBART

To remind yourself of my love

CELEBRANT

And to show the world that we are one.

HOBART

And to show the world that we are one.

HOBART pushes the ring onto DAKOTA's finger.

Pronouncement

CELEBRANT

Dakota and **Hobart**, you have come here today to declare your love and to promise to be by each other's side for the rest of your lives, and before me and before these witnesses, that's what you've done.

Now, by the authority granted to me by the Commonwealth of Australia, it is now my privilege to pronounce you **husband and husband/wife and wife/husband and wife/wife and husband/partners for life**. You may kiss.

The couple kiss.

Signing the Register

CELEBRANT

Now, there is one more thing to do to make it official, and that's to sign the register. Please join me.

♪ *'Everything' by Michael Bublé.*

CELEBRANT

Ladies, gentlemen and friends beyond the binary, it gives me great pleasure to present Australia's newest pair of newlyweds, from today to be known as **Dakota Jones-Patel and Hobart Patel-Jones.**

Recessional

♪ *'Chateau' by Angus and Julia Stone.*