

Maid of Honor's Toast

SOLUTION: Match each of the “modern language” sentences in the top section to one Shakespeare quotation from the list below (which is sorted from shortest to longest). Then use the superscript number at the end of each modern sentence to index into the matching Shakespeare quotation (ignoring spaces and punctuation) and extract a single letter...

“(7)Friends, family, everyone, may I have your attention, please.¹⁸ (2)God, I am just so stupidly happy for my two best friends!² (5)Their relationship has had its ups and downs, of course.⁴ (8)But I love you both so much: is it weird for me to say that?¹¹ (9)Oh, I have to admit, at one time I used to have a thing for Romeo!⁴ (4)Now Juliet explicitly told me not to give any advice, but I think she’ll appreciate this.²² (10)Dwelling on past issues only brings up new issues.²³ (11)Be humble, listen, and pay off your credit cards.² (1)Always be truthful.⁵ (6)Enjoy growing old together.¹¹ (3)Now let’s hit the buffet and keep the tunes going!⁹”

- 1) No le**G**acy is so rich as honesty.
- 2) L**O**rd, what fools these mortals be!
- 3) If music b**E** the food of love, play on!
- 4) The lady doth protest too **M**uch, methinks.
- 5) The **C**ourse of true love never did run smooth.
- 6) With mirth a**N**d laughter let old wrinkles come.
- 7) Friends, Romans, coun**T**rymen, lend me your ears.
- 8) I do love not**H**ing in the world so well as you: is not that strange?
- 9) O th**A**t I were a glove upon that hand, that I might touch that cheek!
- 10) To mourn a mischief that is **P**ast and gone is the next way to draw new mischief on.
- 11) H**A**ve more than thou showest, speak less than thou knowest, lend less than thou owest.

ANSWER: “TO CHAMPAGNE”