



A  
Wedding  
Play



# Our Wedding Play

"The Garden"

Victoria & James Bedford

February 6, 2003

# Cast of Characters

Bride: Victoria Almond

Groom: James Bedford

Lauren Almond: Sister of the Bride  
- Bride's Maid

Beth Hill: Friend of the Bride -  
- Bride's Maid

Sarah Alan: Friend of the Bride  
- Bride's Maid

Andrew Steele: Friend of the Groom  
- Best Man

## Scene | "The Seed"

Beth:                   When we were thirteen years old—  
best friends since Kindergarten—  
Vicky told me, "I don't ever want to  
get married." I asked her, "Why  
not?" She answered, "I'm too  
complicated"

(music)

Andrew:               Jimmy and I were out camping in  
Yosemite one night, and over a few  
beers I asked him, "So, James you  
think you'll ever get married?" He  
said, "Nah." I said, "Why not?"  
And he said, "Are you kidding,

Andrew: (continued)  
who'd ever put up with me?

(music)

Lauren: "Knowing nothing, shuts iron gates  
The new love opens them  
The sound of the gates opening  
Wakes the beautiful woman asleep

Sarah: "Kabir says, 'Fantastic!  
Don't let a chance like this go by!"  
(1)

(music)

## Scene II "The Planting"

Bride: "I live my life in growing orbits  
Which move out over the things  
of the world.  
Perhaps I can never achieve the last,  
But that will be my attempt.

Beth: I am circling around God,  
around the ancient tower,  
And I have been circling  
for a thousand years,  
And I still don't know if  
I am a falcon, Or a storm,  
or a great song." (2)

Groom: "My eyes already touch the sunny hill  
Going far ahead of the road I have  
begun,

Lauren: (continued\_  
So, we are grasped  
by what we cannot grasp.  
It has its inner light,  
even from a distance."

Andrew: And changes us,  
even if we do not reach it  
Into something else,  
which, hardly sensing,  
We already are.

Sarah: A gesture waves us on,  
answering our own wave,  
But what we feel  
Is the wind in our faces." (3)

(music)

### Scene III "Roots of Time"

Lauren: Victoria, is lying on the beach...  
.... summer of 2001.

Groom: When I walked by, I saw that her eyes  
were closed...

Beth: ( Or were they?)

Groom: She was sleeping...

Lauren: ( Or was she? )

Andrew: He asked her, "Pardon me,  
I'm... sorry, but, do you know  
what time it is?"

Sarah: She responded...

Bride: "Yes, let me see, it's..."

Andrew: ... And when she saw his

Bride: deep, blue, beautiful eyes

Andrew: looking at her, she felt like...

Bride: ...I was looking into the calm, vast,  
deepness of the ocean. And, he  
asked me what time it was.

Beth: And it was...

Bride and Groom: ...Timeless.

(music)

## Scene 6 "Growing Together"

Lauren: She said, "But I must have the sea near me. And the seagulls and the salt air, and the crisp afternoon breeze. I need to see the full stretch of the horizon, and feel the depth of the ocean."

Andrew: And he said, "I must live surrounded by trees, and forests – and have the dense, moist earth under my feet. I need the soft rains in the afternoons, and a quiet dew at night."

Beth: Rumi, the poet says:  
"Every forest branch moves differently  
in the breeze,  
But as they sway,  
"They connect at the roots."

(after a moment...)

Lauren: We will live together.

Bride: Sea,

Lauren: and

Groom: Forest,

Bride and Groom: ... Joined.

(lively music)

## Scene IV "The Blossoming"

Sarah:                    (having much fun with ee cummings' words)  
Since feeling is first,  
who pays any attention  
                                 to the syntax of things  
will never wholly kiss you;

Andrew:                wholly to be a fool  
while spring is in the world!  
my blood approves  
and kisses are a better fare  
than wisdom  
lady | swear

Lauren:                don't cry

Andrew:                the best gesture of all my brain

Beth: is less than your eyelid's flutter

Andrew: which says

Beth: we are for each other!

Andrew: then laugh, leaning back in my arms,  
for life is not a paragraph

Lauren: and death, i think, is no parenthesis

(music)

## Scene IV "Then Garden Grows"

Lauren:                   When we were twenty three, and  
                                  celebrating my birthday, Victoria  
                                  asked me, "So who do you think will  
                                  get married first, you or me?" I told  
                                  her, "You, definitely." And she said,  
                                  "I don't think so. I think you will."  
                                  And then, we both laughed and  
                                  made a toast to life and said,  
                                  "What does it matter?  
                                  As long as we're both happy!"

Andrew:                   Jimmy and I had just run yet another,  
                                  10-k and we both, as usual, finished in  
                                  the middle of the pack.  
                                  Catching my  
                                  last breath, I said to him, "James, how  
                                  much longer are we gonna do this?"

Andrew: (continued)  
And he said, "As long as you and  
I can walk!"

Sarah: The Buddha says,  
"There is no way to happiness.

Lauren: .... Happiness is the way."

Bride: (to Groom)  
Did you know that when  
you laugh, I laugh, even when  
you can't see me?

Groom: (to Bride)  
When you make your mother's  
eggplant lasagna I feel like I've  
died and gone to heaven.

Beth:                   And when two lives are full  
                              and happy like Victoria's and James',  
                              they enter into fullness with each other  
                              and create a new Spiritual Wholeness—

which fertilizes the world,

and grows

Lauren:               ..... Love,

Sarah:               .....               Endlessly.

(special musical selection chosen by Bride and Groom)

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## Poetry Selections:

- (1) Kabir  
(Persian poet 1320 - 1389)  
"New Love"
  
- (2) Rainer Maria Rilke  
(German poet 1875 - 1926)  
"I Live My Life"
  
- (3) Rainer Maria Rilke  
"A Walk"
  
- (4) ee cummings  
(American poet 1894 - 1962)  
"untitled"

# Elizabeth Almond's Recipe for Eggplant Lasagna

1 eggplant  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
8 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion  
12 ounces thinly sliced mushrooms  
1/4 cup flour  
8 ounces lasagna noodles  
3 cups fresh tomato sauce  
1 1/2 cups of Bechamel sauce  
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
5 ounces chevre cheese  
1/2 cup fresh basil  
8 ounces freshly grated mozzarella cheese

- 1) slice eggplants, sprinkle with kosher salt, let sit one hour
- 2) sauté onion and mushrooms in olive oil over low heat
- 3) cook eggplant in olive oil (dredge with flour)
- 4) pre-heat oven to 350 F.
- 5) cook lasagna noodles until just tender, then rinse under cold water and drain
- 6) spread some tomato sauce on bottom casserole dish
- 7) add 1/2 the portion of noodles, cover with a portion of sauteed eggplant and onion and mushrooms

- 8) mix together Bechamel sauce with Parmesan cheese  
then add on top of eggplant mixture
- 9) crumble chevre over mixture and add chopped basil
- 10) add more tomato sauce
- 11) add last layer of noodles
- 12) add last portion of Bechamel sauce, sprinkle with more chopped basil
- 13) top casserole with remaining tomato sauce
- 14) final layer, add grated mozzarella
- 15) cover dish with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes.
- 16) Uncover and bake until brown and bubbly, another  
15 minutes.

"I have always known  
that at last I would  
take this road, but yesterday  
I did not know it would be today."

– unknown Japanese poet

