

[Toast for Brooks' Wedding by Drew O]

Brooks and I have shared a close friendship since we were 5.
And over the years// we always seemed to have a new plan for our future.

For awhile we wanted to become pro baseball players///
but **neither of us/** were very good at baseball.

And there was a period where we were **sure** that we were destined to become astronauts///
but then Brooks visited Cape Canaveral// and decided there was **no way** he could ever live off of space food.

We even thought about going pro in skateboarding///
but Debbie, Brooks' mom, pointed out that neither of us knew **any** skateboarding tricks.

And although none of our occupational plans ever worked out.
We did get to live out one of our crazy dreams.
This past year Brooks and I shared the experience of an EPIC/ ROAD TRIP!!
We had been saving up for years,
 we had mapped out the journey,
 and finally got the chance to hit the open road.

While it was an experience I will never forget///
the most important part of our trip is what I learned about my good friend.

You see// it turns out that after 16 years of being best friends//
there is still a lot to be learned about a person when you are out on the road.

So Hope, I have compiled a few tips and suggestions that should come in handy next time you and Brooks are traveling anywhere.

First off// never let Brooks handle the map.

I know he is an Eagle Scout, so you think he could be trusted.

But he has become so reliant on the GPS in his iPhone// that he doesn't even hold the map right side up. ///

And, this proved to be a rather large problem when we lost all cell phone service in Montana.

We had been driving for hours//

and when Brooks finally got a bar of service,

he pointed out that we were going **east** instead of **west**.

Second// do not trust Brooks with the iPod.

He might have excellent taste in music//

but he never listens to to an entire song.

Brooks lost all iPod privileges on just the second day of our trip// because he never could listen to more than 30 seconds of any song.

And Hope, a little bonus tip for you.//

Don't trust him with the remote either,

Because I am sure this trait will carry over to television.

Third// don't ever think twice about asking to pull over for a bathroom break.

Because chances are// Brooks probably needs to go as well.

It seemed every other hour I had to stop to let this guys run to the bathroom.

And although this could probably be controlled if you regulate his coffee intake. //

Good luck getting him to cut back on the caffeine.

And Lastly// always let Brooks drive.

Because Brooks is a strong believer in the road trip captain system.

And I am sure many of you are asking your self now//

what's a road trip captain??

Well// let me explain//

Brooks operates under the idea that the person in the passenger seat is the
“road trip captain.”

And as captain, the map and iPod are under your control.

So Hope// as long as you are riding shotgun.

You will never have to worry about Brooks controlling the music or trying to
navigate.

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I trust these hints are helpful the next time you two are traveling.

Hope, just make sure you are riding shotgun, and that Brooks is driving.

And Brooks// I am certain you know these suggestions are all in good fun.

Remember// it is not the road trip that I will always cherish///

but the great guy I was able to share it with.

So today/// I raise a glass to you two//

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Lockwood/

because I know you are going to experience far greater adventures than I could
ever imagine.

I am confident you two will love each other with every wrong turn in life//

and you will love each other with every flat tire and detour,

and will even continue to love each other when you get lost in Montana.

I know you will always be there for each other/// and Hope// I am positive
you will make the perfect//

road trip captain!

[Colorful Language]

Emotions-

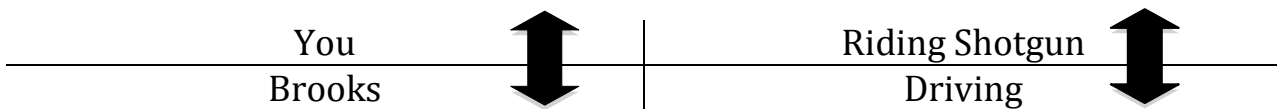
- Humor
- True Love

Metaphor-

Road trip theme continued throughout the speech.

Antithesis-

“Just remember make sure you are riding shotgun, and Brooks is driving.”



Parallel Construction-

“I know you two will love each other through every wrong turn, love each other with every flat tire, and will continue to love each other while you are stuck behind MAJOR road construction.”

Alliteration-

“Hope, I hope the hints are helpful next time you two are traveling.”

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