

**Readings about Love for a Wedding Ceremony**  
**Option 10**

**I love you**  
*by Roy Croft*

I love you, not only for what you are but for what I am when I am  
with you.

I love you, not only for what you have made of yourself but for what  
you are making of me.

I love you for the part of me that you bring out;

I love you for putting your hand into my heaped-up heart and  
passing over all the foolish, weak things that you can't help dimly  
seeing there, and for drawing out into the light all the beautiful  
belongings that no one else had looked quite far enough to find.

I love you because you are helping me to make of the lumber of my  
life, not a tavern, but a temple; out of the works of my every day not  
a reproach, but a song.

I love you because you have done more than any creed could have  
done to make me good and more than any fate could have done to  
make me happy.

You have done it without a touch, without a word, without a sign.

You have done it by being yourself.

Perhaps that is what being a friend means, after all.

*I do not claim to be the original author of this script. I am sharing it like this to  
make it easier for anyone to use.*