



## *Simple Choices - Giving Away*

There are hundreds of web sites, books, friends and relatives that can provide helpful advice and unlimited choices for the structure and wording of your ceremony. For those of you who find this a little daunting I've put together some of my favourites for you to choose from.

### *By the Bride's Father*

In ancient times marriage marked the transfer of authority over the bride from her eldest male relative to the groom. While the time has long since passed when the bride is viewed as a possession, the wedding ceremony remains one of the few times in life when the depth of the relationship between father and daughter is publicly acknowledged.

The pride on <bride's father>'s face today is something that <bride> will forever cherish. Therefore, I ask

Who brings this woman here to be married today?

*Father - I do*

(gives bride's hand to the groom, kisses bride and returns to seat)



### *By the Guests*

Family and friends are you all willing now and always to nurture this marriage by offering <name> and <name> your continued love and support?

*All - We are*



### *By the Parents*

Would <bride's> and <groom's> parents come forward. <Name> and <Name>, <Name> and <Name> on behalf of your families do you give your love and blessing to <bride> and <groom>?

*Parents - We do*