

VOW PROMPTS

For Maren

You will read your own vows to Teo during the ceremony. Answer a few of these questions in rough notes first, then shape the best answers into your vows. Aim for about a minute aloud, 120 to 180 words, and agree a length with Teo so your vows match.

Questions to start with

What did you think when Teo's tomato cage rolled into your bean rows?

What did you think when he came back the next Saturday?

What does Teo do when your plan meets a day that has other ideas?

What would you miss most about soup night if it stopped tomorrow?

What is one thing Teo does for you that he probably thinks you haven't noticed?

What went through your mind when you saw the ring on the bean stake?

What do you want your Saturdays to look like in ten years?

A shape for your vows

- Open with a line spoken straight to your partner, using their name.
- Tell one short story that the two of you know well.
- Say what you love about them now, not only what you loved then.

- Make two or three promises specific enough to keep.
- Close with one sentence you would happily say again in fifty years.

Promises to make your own

- I promise to keep showing up, on Saturdays and on every ordinary day.
- I promise to make the plan, and to let you change it.
- I promise to improvise when the plan falls apart, and to let you plan when it matters.
- I promise to keep our door open and the soup on.
- I promise to help rebuild whatever gets knocked over.
- I promise never to settle the hot dog question.
- I promise to always check the bean stake before I say no.

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For Teo

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What made you stay the whole afternoon to rebuild Maren's trellis?

Why did you keep coming back every Saturday?

What went through your head when Maren thought you were asking her to weed?

What does Maren's planning make possible for you?

What do you love about hosting soup night together?

What do you want your home to feel like to the people who walk in?

What is one thing about Maren you want to keep discovering?

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