

## Congratulations

Tonight  
As I stood outside and looked around  
I saw countless stars  
Beautiful and smiling stars  
Walking into the room  
They came from here and there  
And everywhere  
To help the bride and the groom  
Celebrate the dream of a lifetime  
In a night that couldn't have come too soon  
And in the middle of all stars  
I saw my Haneen  
The shining, charming moon

As I looked at Haneen's face  
It reminded me of days I miss  
When she was a growing girl  
And her room was always a mess  
As if everything was in a race  
And nothing could fit in place

Maha and Haneen used to work so hard  
To make the room neat and things right  
Make compromises on the way  
And avoid getting into a shouting fight

But all work and fight always end  
With a big hug and a nice kiss  
Then Haneen runs right back into her room  
To celebrate the occasion with her things  
They dance and bounce  
And soon everything is back in a mess

They always say  
You give your daughter away  
When you walk her down the aisle  
And say congratulations with a big smile

But you walk your daughter down the aisle  
To help her get to where she wants to be  
Where happiness and joy live  
With the love she lived to see  
And on the way down the aisle  
You win a new son, at least for a while

So, I say

Welcome David into our hearts  
A new candle to light our home  
And make it extra warm

Dearest Haneen and David  
Tomorrow you will start a new life  
That could be lived as a destination  
Or a journey full of imagination

A life lived as a destination  
Is like a train waiting in an old station  
Where the wait is so long  
And what you hear is no song

It might give you something to enjoy  
A book to read, a joke, or a little smile  
And let you occasionally see the sun  
But without excitement or real fun

A life lived as a journey  
Is a life full of excitement and fun  
A train that goes faraway places  
Beyond the usual moon and sun

Where everyday is a new day  
Every flower has a different aroma  
Every smile is a new promise  
Every step is like a ship  
To take you to new places  
Where dark nights dream of sunny days  
And days dream of romance the night ways  
Where nights and days hug and kiss you  
And with a charming smile say  
We love you and you

Happy marriage  
Happy union  
Happy every day and every night  
From me and everyone  
And those who couldn't come

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