



Lucky in Love

Something Borrowed, Something Blue, Something Old, Something New

The ancient system of astrology teaches that there are signs around us at all times pointing where we need to go or revealing hidden truths and information. These signs - or omens - have been noted for centuries, many becoming wedding traditions or at least superstitions.

To some, omens at weddings have heightened importance because marriage is meant to be permanent and the ceremony often brings an intense energy. A friend was in a wedding party where the couple had a whirlwind courtship and didn't know each other well. As they were about to exchange their vows, they noticed the bride's wedding ring had a cracked diamond. This symbol of the groom's love for the bride was damaged, and the subsequent relationship has been rocky.

Positive omens abound as well. At a wedding I recall well, lovely butterflies flew around the delighted couple during the ceremony. Frogs warbled in a nearby creek. A cat appeared and nuzzled the feet of the minister for the entire service. It was as if all of nature came out to celebrate the occasion. Ten years later they are going strong.

Whether or not you place a great deal of faith in omens, it's interesting to consider a few that have been passed down over the years.

Good Omens

- Seeing a rainbow
- Having the sun shine
- A week before the wedding, it is considered good luck if a cat eats out of your left shoe.
- If there is a full moon 1-2 days before the wedding, then your married life will be filled with luck and good fortune.
- Put a penny in your shoe for wealth in your marriage.
- Rain on your wedding day means you will have many children.

Bad Omens

- It was thought unlucky for a woman to marry a man whose surname began with the same letter as hers. The sentiment was summarized in the following rhyme:
"To change the name and not the letter, is to change for the worst and not the better"
- If a bridesmaid stumbles on her way to the altar she is destined to become an old maid.
- It is bad luck for the bride to start down the aisle on time.
- Brides that practice writing their new name before the wedding bring bad luck by tempting fate.

- The groom must not see the bride before the ceremony on their wedding day.

Weddings may be bursting with omens, both good and bad, but when the big day does arrive the happy couple should only concern themselves with the joy of that special moment and making their own good fortune.

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