

# **Vows: Our Love Was Meant To Be**

**Friday, July 7, 2017 was the day chosen by family nurse practitioner Sandra Edwards and project manager Ricardo McLean to exchange wedding vows on the lawns of Trident Castle in Port Antonio. Vows brings you the magical moments.**

## ***How they met (Sandra's Version)***

We met the summer of 2004 on my daughter's school trip to Dorney Water Park in Pennsylvania. Sparks were definitely flying, but the relationship didn't unfold until a couple months later when we saw each other again at my daughter's birthday party and he offered to help me transport the gifts to my car. He asked me out a few days later, and the rest is happily-ever-after.

## ***The proposal***

Ricardo proposed to me on May 16, 2008, exactly two months after we welcomed our son into this world. "I remembered getting ready for bed all clad in pyjamas and head scarf when he suddenly knelt in front of me and took a small box out from his pocket," expressed Sandra. He opened it, and popped the question. I honestly didn't understand or remember everything he said, because I was so surprised, and began crying. That moment went down in my history books as one of the happiest days of my life.

## ***The ceremony***

The bridegroom was debonair in a Paul Smith black and white tuxedo. The groomsmen wore black Kenneth Cole suits and white shirts complemented by black bow ties. They escorted the stunning senior and junior bridesmaids, who were styled respectively in charming one-shoulder floor-length white taffeta mermaid dresses and elegant Georgette ivory maxi dresses with cold

shoulders, sweetheart necklines and elegant ruching details as they made their way up the aisle to the strains of Kenny G and Beyonce's *Love On Top*.

The bride made her way up the aisle, escorted by her brother Alton Edwards, to Kelly Clarkson's *A Moment Like This*. She was stunning in a Leah Da Gloria and Kashi Couture ivory, cream and hand-beaded lace gown with an eight-foot removable organza train embellished with hand-beaded lace and exotic Swarovski crystals.

Under the ministerial guidance of Pastor Astor Carlyle the newly-weds professed their love, with all eyes witnessing their “magic moment”. The party recessed to the lyrics of Teddy Pendergrass's *When Somebody Loves You Back*.

There were many highlights for Sandra; among them:

Something new: crown and gown

Something used: Victoria's Secret underwear

Something borrowed: Kate Spade diamond and pearl earrings

Something blue: Victoria's Secret underwear

### ***The reception***

The reception took place at the Trident Hotel where guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails prior to the arrival of the newly-weds.

A sumptuous four-course dinner catered by the Trident Hotel was followed by heartfelt toasts ahead of the cutting of the KukUp Kreations-designed, six-tiered chandelier fruitcake suspended from the ceiling.

Their first dance was to *Why I Love You by Major*. Guests, thereafter, joined them on the dance floor where they partied into the night.

## ***The honeymoon***

The newly-weds honeymooned at Hawaii.