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I'm In Love With You

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Although I'm in love with you and you don't want anything to do with me, I'm sure we can make this work. All you have to do is to put on that indomitable look, follow my advice, go to the conference, answer questions confidently, allude to your policies, which are in the pipeline ready to be published. You're good at all that, at least you were a few years ago. We'll have to bluff it out, pose a little, remember, it's all for the sake of the party.

Back, in the dim distant past, we were all believers in the good things. We had plans. Predominantly caring for our old people, stabilising prices of food and rent, building nice tower blocks, disabled access, improving education, but above all, leading by example. Going green, visibly recycling, attending climate change conferences.

I'm not going to name any names, and I'm sure you won't be caught out like he was, bribing and promising cabinet positions. I'm not saying they are all tarred with the same brush, just show me one of them who is as deserving of our country's vote as you. We, you really are going to change this world.

I know money speaks, after all, how did that trade union building get there? Who greased whose palm to put all those promises into their manifesto? For money, let's put out a crowd fund, all the rage now, guaranteed to bring in a few thousand. There's a world out there ready for our party.

Remember, it was us who highlighted those keep-out notices restricting who can come and go. We made this country hospitable, we looked after every one, regardless of race, colour or creed.

Listen, pay attention, keep your ears open, quote political correctness and gender neutral. We implemented all of that, way back, admittedly from the backbenches.

He turned England into a great holiday camp, gave too much away, we'll increase our overseas grants. And we'll be generous to the universities.

He introduced fees for those poor students who are still paying of debts. Acknowledge unemployment, outline plans to attract businesses from here and abroad, which will create jobs.

Do not forget our history , some of it we'll recognise and label statues appropriately. Promise to investigate, have an interest in transparency, no more bizarre claims. You are always ready to learn. We will consistently institute government financial help directly to the source.

Remember, he never did get that 'K', he was found out, playing it up, in the corridors of Scarborough, all of them did it at that time, in and out of bedrooms like ally cats. I know your ambition will protect you, marriage and children give you a great image.

You used me back then, I was a good advisor, just as I am now. Trust me, even though we're not an item, I believe you will achieve great things this time. If you electioneer with me at your side you'll win.