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## Love Actually?

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I'm in love with you and you don't want anything to do with me. At least, that is what I've been told. Not by you but by your so-called best friend. Has he really told me the truth, or only what he wants me to think? He doesn't want you to be in love with anyone, because then you will not be able to be his best friends, will not spend all your time with him but will be with me.

I thought you did love me as much as I love you. In fact, I was sure of it because you told me so. I did not imagine it did I? No, I know it is true because you wrote it in a text to me. I have it still on my phone. Yes, here it is. I have just reread it now.

Maybe you didn't really mean it? Perhaps it was just something to say to me to get me into bed with you? Can I really believe you are genuine? Or is this just another time when some man says to a girl "Of course I will still love you in the morning"?

But what did you mean when you said "I do love you"? Did you mean the same I as meant? What does the word, the emotion "love" mean to you? Does it mean the same gut-wrenching feeling of desolation when we are not together? This is what I experience, is it the same for you?

Maybe I am not really in love with you. Do I really understand what love means? I haven't had very good experiences of it in the past and my parents did not give the impression that they loved each other. So how do I know that I am in love with you? Perhaps I have been reading too many romantic novels and assume that I ought to be in love with someone and you happen to fit the bill.

Get a hold of yourself, all this introspection can't be good for your health. I need to think this out rationally. I am supposed to be an intelligent woman, why can't I work it out without all this melodrama?

Why did I believe what "the best friend" said? Does that mean that I don't really love you, because I can't trust you? Maybe you feel you can't trust me? Maybe you know nothing about all this.

If you do really love me, why have you been silent for the last week? not been in touch at all? Surely if you do really love me, you would have at least texted me to say so. I do feel bereft, neglected, rejected if I am honest. I do feel as if you don't love me, so maybe "the best friend" is right?

Well, if you really don't love me, maybe I should cut my losses and find someone else? Maybe "the best friend" himself is a better option. So I think we can make it work.