

Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons by Sam Steiner

OLIVER and Bernadette have been telling each other everything they dislike about one another. It is Oliver's turn. He gets a bit carried away. He tells her everything he finds difficult about her, but also tells her he loves her.

OLIVER:

Okay. Right. Erm. Okay. I love you. I do. I'm very grateful for you being with me and indulging me I guess in all my little things that I erm... And I know I like to play the victim sometimes and I like to sulk and I like to punish you. Well I don't like to punish you I just do sometimes - I'm not very forgiving. I know that and I'm sorry for that, I am, I am sorry for that because it, you know, probably has some repercussions on you and your state of mind and on us and...

And sometimes I feel that you don't listen to what I'm saying or no you do listen, you do but you always have other cogs whirring at the same time if you know what I mean? Like if you were a laptop you'd have other tabs open. If you were an internet browser I mean. Like you're looking at me, you're definitely looking at me and focusing on me but but but I'm aware that at the top of the page there are, you know, other things open, other tabs. Maybe you've got Facebook or the news or a couple of YouTube vides about cats...

And I don't like your brother. I think he is too dismissive of you and, yes, of me as well, and he's too actually, you know what, and you're going to disagree with me here, but too self-involved. I think he is so paranoid about retaining absolute control of every little thing he does that he's actually a bit rude and also, also, very hard to buy presents for on birthdays.

Just to say: this is great stuff. Real exorcising stuff.

So I don't like what you do. I know you think I don't like it and I know you hate me for that and for not understanding that your mum worked in Tesco and your dad barely worked so you have this thing about achievement. And I love you for that. Obviously. And I know you think you always wanted to be a lawyer but come on, like you had passions and stuff and...

(Long pause)

Oh and I love you.

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(Beat)

Bed?