

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

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Through the haze, I see a face, it's you I can't forget, Though self-respect has given up, my heart still hasn't yet. Can you remember when we met; the waves were all too strong, And now the tide has slipped so low, it can't have been that long.

Remember when we walked the shore at dusk that special day? I still can see the ivory sand, the sea shells washed away. Remember when you held my hand and made me feel so sure? For ailments of the heart and soul, your love, it was the cure.

Can you forget when we first dove into that icy pool? I'm speaking of the one love, where I was left a fool. Some day I hope you'll look to see how much I really care, For insecurity has torn apart a loving pair.

One year ago you saw my face, one year ago today, Three hundred days plus sixty-five, I still feel the same way. Though words have passed, and anger, too, we still deserve a chance, Our situation has been caused by twisted circumstance.

Before you came into my life, I've told you once before, The sky was gray, as was my heart, you brought me so much more. I told you then, I'll tell you now, no promises we made, But foolish heart has found true love, and it will never fade.

I spoke of darkness once before, of when you were to leave, Well now you're walking toward then door, but now I can't concede. Deep in your heart I know there's love; for me, if not for us, I'm betting with my dignity, however dangerous.

Of all the days within the year, today has been the worst, For on this day, one year ago, my face you saw the first.

about love cont.

Love is based on a commitment between two individuals. they are the only "special people" to each other. This "vow" that they keep is usually symbolized by the giving of a token, usually a ring. A ring is a full, complete circle. A person not in love misses a part of that ring. He or she is more like a chain, unconnected. all things coming to an end. With love. this chain is reconnected into a ring.

In this way, love is like a chain.

Love is spelled L-O-V-E.

Let the "E" stand for love enduring. True love can persist for a very long time. Ever read the "anniversaries" section of the newspaper? There are people in that section that have been married for fifty years!

These people have successfully taken the other three aspects of love and put them together into a lifelong relationship. As one can see, love is able to endure through time.

A light source of one candlepower intensity can, on a dark night with no extraneous lights, be seen for over thirty miles! This makes a good simile to love. Love helps one to endure the dark night of his or her trials and troubles. It is the light that shines between two people, helping to endure the dark times.

In this way, love is like a candle.

Having someone to lean on, being one-sided in your care, keeping the promise or vow, and enduring through good and bad times. These are all things that I believe are a part of love. It was very hard for me to write this, for I myself have waited nineteen years for this to happen. Love is an enigma to me. I have so many thoughts on the subject, but it's hard to get them down on paper.

Thanks to someone named Lisa, they are becoming clearer every day.

Anyway, I hope this little writing helped you to define your own definitions about love.

I would like to end with the lyrics of one of my favorite songs. This song was written by Sting, and it shows love as a secret commitment between two people:

A Secret Marriage

"No earthly church has ever blessed our union. No state has ever granted us permission, No family bond has ever made us two, No company has ever earned commission.

No debt was paid, no dowry to be gained. No treaty over border, land, or power. No semblance of the world outside remained. To stain the beauty of this nuptial hour.

The secret marriage vow is never spoken, The secret marriage never can be broken.

No flowers on the alter, No white veil in your hair, No maiden dress to alter, No bible oath to swear.

The secret marriage vow is never spoken, The secret marriage never can be broken."

I love you, Lisa....

survey says cont.

Quality most valued in any relationship:

- honesty (36.1%)
- warmth (21.4%)
- intelligence (18.2%)
- sense of humor (10.8%)
- similar interests (10.2%)
- attractive appearance (1.0%)

How free time is spent:

- socializing with friends (49.4%)
- reading (23.3%)
- sleeping (13.1%)
- watching TV (5.5%)
- exercising/competing in sports (5.1%)
- going to nightclubs/bars (2.2%)

How do you see yourself:

- up and coming; potential mover and shaker (50.8%)
- concerned about future (25.1%)
- inner directed/self involved (13.5%)
- want to change the world (8.4%)
- content with status quo (1.6%)

How has AIDS affected you:

- will only sleep with someone with whom involved monogamously (51.2%)
- plan to exercise caution in any new sexual relationship (32.4%)

The most pressing issue facing my college generation:

- AIDS (27.6%)
- nuclear weapons/nuclear war world peace (21.5%)
- economy/federal deficit (5.3%)
- declining moral/ethical value (4.9%)
- caring for others (4.3%)
- apathy (4.1%)
- environmental conservation/overpopulation (4.1%)
- job opportunities (3.5%)
- quality/cost of education (3.5%)