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Dear Drummond,

Tomorrow is your 88th birthday. We hope that you receive this mail in good health and that the birthday celebrations will be a joyful event.

Since continental Europeans have to present a visa to enter the UK, just like when you travel to Russia, we can't spontaneously fly over the North Sea to visit you on your birthday. If you were born east of London Bridge then you are a <sup>\*</sup>WOG in the eyes of the proper English Brexiteer.

Please accept our heartfelt congratulations on reaching the respectable old age.

We are enjoying the last pleasant Indian summer days this weekend and then fall begins according to the weather forecast. Besides the change of the seasons, there has been a sad change in the family. Vera (77) has recently been diagnosed with the onset of Alzheimer's disease. She experiences the inconvenience of this diagnosis that she is no longer allowed to drive the car. Her short-term memory is fading. The longterm outlook is less pleasant. Let's hope the annoying situation won't find its place until 5 years from now

Vera enjoys life as it comes.

Drummond, have. happy birthday tomorrow and we will also toast the long-lasting good friendship.

Love from both of us, Vera & Adriaan

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## Reflections

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman. (This one sounds like a politician.)
13. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
14. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.