

European Parliament approves Brexit agreement - video

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The session is chaired ¹ by Maireen McGuinness.

Ursula Von Leyen (from Germany, EU Commission President) — I want to use the words of the famous British poet George Eliot. She said : 'only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love' ². We will always love you and we will never be far. Long live Europe!

Guy Verhofstadt (from Belgium, Alliance for Liberals and Democrats in Europe) — So this vote is not an adieu. This vote, Mr President, is, in my opinion, only an au revoir. Thank you very much.

Nigel Farage (from Britain, Brexit Party) — What's not to like? ³ I know you're going to miss us. I know you want to ban our national flags but we're going to wave you good bye and we'll kook forward in the future to working with you as sovereign... *[microphone cut off by Mairead McGuinness]*

Mairead McGuinness (from Ireland, Vice President of the European Commission) — if you disobey the rules you get cut off. Could we please remove the flags.

Nigel Farage — That's it. It's all over. Finished!

Mairead McGuinness — Can I move now, and with a certain amount of guilty pleasure give the floor to ⁴ Madam - and Professor Scott Cato. For one minute, please.

Molly Scott Cato (from Wales, Britain, Green Party) — With grief ⁵ and regret, I accept that we will leave the European Union on Friday -Oh, no, here come the tears- but we must keep the dream alive, especially for young people who are overwhelmingly pro-European. I hold in my heart that one day I will be back in this chamber celebrating our return to the heart of Europe. Thank you.

Laura Huhtasaari (from Finland, Finn Party) — Britain will triumph outside of the EU. The island nation began a shining ⁵ movement that cannot be stopped. Farewell to the Brexit Party. I love you guys.

Aileen McLeod (From Scotland, Scottish National Party) — On Friday, Scotland will be dragged out of the EU ⁶ against the democratic wishes of our people. And when the moment comes for Sotland to rejoin the EU, I hope this parliament will welcome us in that same spirit of European solidarity, and in the meantime, ⁷ I hope very much that you will leave a light on ⁸ for Scotland.

Members singing:

For auld lang syne

We'll take a cup of kindness yet,

For auld lang syne.

[Auld Lang Syne](#)

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1. chaired: présidé ↵
 2. agony of parting: la souffrance de la séparation ↵
 3. What's not to like? = Je ne vois pas le problème, tout est au mieux dans le meilleur des mondes (approx) ↵
 4. give the floor to : donner la parole à ↵
 5. to shine : briller (This Finnish MP does not speak English very well) ↵ ↵
 6. dragged out : sorti de force (to drag = traîner, tirer contre une résistance) ↵
 7. in the meantime: en attendant ↵
 8. leave a light on: laisser une lumière allumée ↵