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Over the next 12 months, it will be distressingly hard to avoid Scottish voices on TV and radio droning on about whether or not Scotland should vote in a referendum to leave the United Kingdom next year.

To make matters worse, it is increasingly a debate from which the English, who as taxpayers send a hefty subsidy to Scotland each year to keep that country afloat, are wilfully excluded.

In a true democracy we, too, would be allowed our say, with a vote of our own next September, since there are two of us in this particular marriage.

Since the mid-Nineties I have been convinced that England and Scotland would benefit from a divorce, or at least from a trial separation. Many Scots don't much like the English and appear

ungrateful for everything that England does for them in showering them with money.

Thus my friendly advice to our Scottish cousins as they contemplate this great constitutional moment is this: vote 'yes', for independence.

It would be the equivalent of turning on a very, very cold shower, and would wake Scotland up to reality.

The truth is that those nationalists who argue that Scottish prosperity is retarded by their 'English oppressors' are in living in cloud-cuckoo land.

Furthermore, I believe that an independent Scotland would soon find itself unequal to the struggle of self-government, because the English money tap would be turned off. Its people would have to work, or starve.

Perhaps after a few years, when they realised what a pup they had been sold by First Minister Alex Salmond and his friends, they would be back with their begging bowls. It might not even take that long.

I am well aware there are deeply deprived parts of Glasgow or Edinburgh. But that is not England's fault. The Scottish nation as a whole, thanks to English taxpayers, has never had it so good.





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