

# Fever Pitch

Ben  
Hey

**Lindsay**  
Hey

**Ben**  
Hey you want to know something?

**Lindsay**  
What?

**Ben**  
I like you.

**Lindsay**  
I like you.

**Ben**  
No, I mean I really like you. I even wrote a list of all the things I like about you.

**Lindsay**  
You made a list?

**Ben**  
Yeah, I don't have it on me but I can remember it. I'll skip down because the first six are all body parts. Uh, number seven, I like that you drink, in the afternoon. Uh, number eight, I like sometimes you talk out of the side of your mouth a little bit and it's like an adorable stroke victim.

**Lindsay?**  
Ha, I do?

**Ben**  
No, it's very cute. It really is. Uh, number nine. You know when you're getting ready in the mirror, just when you're about finished you go like (shrugs). It's so cute I want to kill myself. It's fantastic. Uh...

**Lindsay**  
Hey! When's your break?

**Ben**  
Hm?

**Lindsay**  
You know for your school vacation. When do you get off?

**Ben**  
End of March. That's when you're in Baltimore right?

**Lindsay**  
Yeah. Well it's a really big deal in my family because it's my Dad's birthday and Easter and my sister's anniversary. All in the same week.

**Ben**  
A cluster?

**Lindsay**  
Yeah, uh so uh how would you like to come? Oooh..too fast too serious?

**Ben**  
No, why did I look like I was just?

**Lindsay**  
You were a little.

**Ben**  
No, cause....I have a previous commitment.

**Lindsay**  
Oh, plans?

**Ben**  
Yeah, um see I didn't tell you about it because I knew you would be away so I figured it didn't matter but every year during Easter vacation uh, me and my friends, we go down to Florida.

**Lindsay**  
You and your friends go down to Florida for Spring Break...at your age?

**Ben**  
No, no, no not Spring Break, Spring training with the Red Sox.

**Lindsay**

Oh you get to train with the Red Sox? Are you allowed to do that?

**Ben**

Oh we don't actually, we we well we actually we watch the game.

**Lindsay**

Aren't those just practice games?

**Ben**

Yeah. Yeah, but it's more to it than that. I mean we scout the players. We, we say which players we should keep, which players we should get rid of.

**Lindsay**

And the Red Sox ask your opinion?

**Ben**

We'll...not yet. If they ever do...Uh, ok I've been avoiding this. There's something you don't know about me.

**Lindsay**

Oh God, here comes the bag of hair.

**Ben**

The thing is uh I am a Red Sox fan.

**Lindsay**

Yeah?

**Ben**

No, no I'm like a big, big Red Sox fan.

**Lindsay**

I know. I mean I've been to your apartment and seen the Red Sox dish towels and the glasses and the Yankee toilet paper. It's like you live in a gift shop.

**Ben**

It's worse. See when I was a kid I moved here from New Jersey and I didn't have any friends or anything. So my Uncle Carl started taking me to Fenway Park. I just I got lost in the game. The ballpark, the people, the colors, the sounds, the smells. And then he got cancer and died. He left me his season tickets. And it's a passion. I mean it's a very very big part of my life. And it's been a problem with me and women.

**Lindsay**

Ah, ah, I know those women. The pay attention to me and why aren't you talking to me!

**Ben**

Yeah, Exactly.

**Lindsay**

God those women are so pathetic.

**Ben**

Yeah, it's like uh "why you got to be so worked up for? And you're not even doing it, your watching it."

**Lindsay**

Yeah.

**Ben**

It's like hey, how about sometimes I like to be eleven years old.

**Lindsay**

Yeah.

**Ben**

I like being part of something that's bigger than me, than I. It's good for your soul to be invested in something you can't control.

**Lindsay**

You're a romantic.

**Ben**

Hm?

**Lindsay**

You have a lyrical soul. You can love under the best and worst conditions.

**Ben**

I don't know. Well, yeah I guess so. Yeah, you took a really big chance inviting me to meet your family. I'm gonna take a chance. A big one. (He bends down as if to propose.)

Lindsay, when baseball starts again, will you go to opening day with me. (He opens the case to show tickets.)

**Lindsay**

(laughs) Yes!

**Ben**

(laughs) Yes? Yes! Woohoo!

**Lindsay**

Woohoo!