

I wish. But I can't

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I wish I could believe that my future is safer by breaking ties with our neighbours

Or that I will travel as freely when my passport is less acceptable

I wish I could believe my human rights will be as protected under the governments we elect that are dedicated to their erosion

Or that tax cooperation will continue when we are dedicated to tax competition

I wish I could believe that putting barriers to trade in the path of British exports will make people in this country better off

Or encourage innovation in anything but financial services

I wish I could believe that workers, part-timers, gays, lesbians, any minority, the armed forces, those with disabilities, women, new parents and children will be as secure in their rights without a court that has shown its willing to protect them

I wish thought, study and students would be allowed to flow freely in the future

I wish I could believe my government loves its neighbours as itself

Or that it even had any regard for the environment

I wish I could believe we'll still have peace in Europe when our leaders stop meeting and getting to know each other, often

I wish I could believe that the future is anything but lonely, which is a place that is, as they say, in another country

I wish I could believe in Boris Johnson

But I can't