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Reading the recently revealed manifestos, the lyrics of the Bee Gees’ song “Words” kept flashing in my old brain.

“It’s only words, and words are all I have to take your heart away.”

It was a popular love song of the 60s that made many a heart flutter!

Adolescent romantics crooned to capture the object of their desire.

Not much different from politicians crying out for the attention of the electorate.

So what is the relevance of the song to the so called “mother of all elections”?

“*You think, I don’t even mean a single word I say.”*

Unfortunately, YES, we don’t!

Your “Promise of Hope” rings hollow after all the years of ‘broken promises’.

Your “People’s Hope” pretends to be the “People’s Pact” when the People were not consulted!

So what do we the ‘objects of your desire’ do?

We remind ourselves that democracy really means…

‘Government of the People, by the People, for the People’,

NOT…..

‘Government of the Party, by the Party, for the Party’!

So come polling day we will vote with our conscience and the pious “HOPE” that you will deliver as you have promised!

If you are sincere about serving the People, prove to us NOW (well before nomination day) that you will stop the ugly and unholy scramble for seats and candidature.

Then and only then will we believe that *“this world has lost its glory, let’s start a brand new story now, my xxxx.”*

PS: Dedicated to all in this collective called Malaysia who see themselves as human beings and believe that a Bangsa Malaysia can become an abiding reality. For those having pangs of Bee Gees nostalgia please visit the link below:-

http://www.poemhunter.com/song/words/