

# The Professor

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So, I'm a Long Island girl  
Long Island, New York  
And I went to uh, thank you  
I went to New York University and I studied theater  
I took this class down in the village, Lafayette and Asterplace  
It was a musical theater workshop thing and they called it song  
interpretation  
I had this huge crush on my professor, who was gay, but freshman  
girls in college never know that  
I don't know why but he gave us this assignment to bring a Cole  
Porter song to class and approach it like a monologue  
So I picked the sexiest Cole Porter song I could find  
Which was Love For Sale  
I figured I was gonna kill two birds with one stone  
I'm going to seduce my teacher and fulfill the assignment  
So I get up in front of class and I've worn  
You know, we used to get really seriously back then so I dressed  
for the role, I wore some sexy lingerie under my college clothes  
and I wear some trashy makeup and I get up in front of class  
and I start singing and I get just a couple lines in and he abruptly  
stops me and says, "Woah, what are you doing?" And I just stood  
there and I said, "I'm singing Love For Sale Cole Porter", and he  
says, "Have you even given any thought to what this song is about?  
What the lyrics are saying?", and I thought I was just gonna burst  
into tears and he said, "This is about a woman who's out on the  
street in the middle of the night being objectified and harassed and  
God knows what with all of these men, she doesn't know where she's  
gonna get her next meal from or how she's gonna pay her rent, she's  
lonely, she's desperate and she's scared"