

# APPENDIX

## **Script Conversation Between The Host and The Guest in The Late Show with Stephen Colbert and Michael Obama**

Host: *“first lady of The United States, it is my honor to welcome back, Michael Obama”*

(applause)

Host: *“good to see you again”*

Guest: *“you too,,,,, you guys are so sweet! Thank you guys”*

Host: *“well, i have known a few people... i have known a few people in Washington D.C., and not all of them get that kind of reception when they go someplace. So you are almost done with the eight years in the white house”*

Guest: *“yes,, almost, we are almost out of there”*

Host: *“how does that feel? Is it all bittersweet?”*

Guest: *“yeah”*

Host: *“or you are like, “where is the exit?”*

Guest: *“It is definitely bittersweet, I mean, everything is like, the last, you know. And I find myself choking up because we have raised our kids in the white house we have had so many amazing experiences, we have a phenomenal staff, we live in a house with people who love us and care about us, and, you know, we are going to be walking away from all that and, it’s just been an honor”*

Host: *“have you had to say to the kids, “be prepared” the next house is not going to be like this”*

Guest: *“ouh yeah I actually made my kids start packing their rooms already. It is like, get this done. Well you know”*

Host: *“you don’t upon to keep it to the last minute”*

Guest: *“My thing sif you don’t pack it, I’m throwing it out. That’s what I do”*

Host: *“then it ends up on E-Bay”*

Guest: *“it’s on E-BAY, I sell it. You know”*

Host: *“well, the most important question i have to ask, you is what beyonce really like?”*

(laughter, applause)

Host: *"She is, she is so talented that I have trouble looking at her without my retinas burning out. You guys actually hang out like friends, right?"*

Guest: *"You shouldn't look her in the eye, she is a special person"*

Host: *"what is it like to be beyonce's beyonce? She looks up to you"*

Guest: *"she is a sweetheart, she smart, she creative, she is a great mother, she loves her family. She is a, you know, she is just a low-key lady, so we have a lot in common in that way, except I can't sing, I can't dance"*

(laughter)

Host: *"you can danced, I've seen you can dance"*

Guest: *"not like beyonce"*

Host: *"well i want to talk to you about this "essence" Amazing, that is a beautiful"*

(applause)

Host: *"Talking about your eight years in there, but I need to talk to you about this picture which when it was released, burned the internet to ground, right there"*

(applause)

Guest: *"thats me and my boo"*

Host: *"you know, we liked you already. You didn't have to release this photograph. What are you guys saying to each other there? How did this moment come about?"*

Guest: *"you know, Barack is horrible in photo shoots, and I hate it. Doing photo shoots with him, so I'm sure right there I was saying "would you just be patient and stop. Don't rush the photographer". He is like "I think we got the shot". I can go, can I go? "no, you can't go". That was exactly Barack has two smiles for a photo. It is like, this smile or this smile (laughter) and he just sort of like, "I think we are done, we have it. And it is like "no we didn't. These photographers they have been setting up for hours. He comes in and says "I think I can give you five minutes. I was trying to convince him to chill out and relax, so they caught that discussion"*

(laughter)

Host: *"that is what is happening right there?"*

Guest: *"Chill out"*

Host: *“Please, please just one more photograph.”*

Guest: *“And he is like “really?”*

Host: *“yeah.. who is it hard? Tore get to stand for a photograph, your husband or your children”*

Guest: *“oh my husband, without a doubt. Well yeah him, he’s tough. I thought you were going to say him or bo and sonny”*

Host: *“well,”*

Guest: *“him” (laughter)*

Host: *“now that’s smile, that was a pretty good impression of your husband. Do you do an impression of your husband?”*

Guest: *“we all three of us have good impression of Barack”*

Host: *“would you mind sharing a little bit?”*

Guest: *“it is usually dinner table because you know- Malia will start it because she usually asks serious question. “dad, tell us about your day, and what about that conversation on global warming? And Sasha and I are like, “no, don’t get him started. And he is like “well, I’m glad, I’m glad you asked that.. let me just, let me just answer that in three points, one—and then one A, and one A and B, and Sasha and she like oh!”*

Host : *“you are like, professor, can I audit this lecture”*

Guest: *“because Sahsa and I want to talk about our favorite song on the “lemonade” album”*

Host: *“he doesn’t want to go there is there I heard you say about the president that he leaves the job at the door when he comes into the presidential part of the white house”*

Guest: *“he does”*

Host: *“is that really true? I can’t leave my job at the door. he does he leave that at the door?”*

Host: *“you know, at least our time together. When he first walks in, we have dinner. It’s usually dinner time. So that’s the time when unless Malia asks him about his work, which we try not to have her do, it’s all about the kids, you know “how were*

*your days? What's going on? What's the latest gossip?" he is really into gossip, so you can get him, because he doesn't have a life"*

*(laughter)*

*Host: "no, but he is got The N.S.A., and he can find out what any of us are thinking"*

*(laughter) (applause)*

*Host: "so being the first lady, being the first lady, obviously, is a lot of responsibility, it's a great honor at the same time. Do you have any first lady, when you look back on the last.. eight years.. do you have any first lady faux pass, like "I can't believe that moment?"*

*Guest: "so many of them, they usually involve pronouncing somebody's name wrong. I'm so horrible"*

*Host: "because you go all around the world"*

*Guest: "oh GOD, names are so hard, and I practice and I try to get, and then I get up there and I mess it up even names here in the United States, I mean kids these days, their names, I mean I can tell you, I think I've got it right, I'm looking at the name card, and it is like, no, it's not terry, it's ter-ree, I'm usually just like "hey, sweetie, how are you doing? I have given up on that"*

*Host: "it's Colbert, you don't pronounce the"*

*Guest: "and it's not steve, it's Stephen"*

*Host: "that's exactly right, thank you for remembering"*

*Guest: "I remember that, I remember"*

*Host: "that's very nice of you"*

*Guest: "because you are pretty touchy about that"*

*(laughter)*

*Host: "was there, can you have an "oh, my GOD moment, I can't believe this is happening, this fun thing I got to do"*

*Guest: "so many sleep over at Buckingham palace"*

*Host: "what?"*

*Guest: "yeah what?"*

Host: *“did you and the Queen paint each other’s toenails or something like that?”*

Guest: *“no, they hosted us for the state dinner, when you are the guest country you stay at the palace, I remember ordering French Fries at the palace, they were good”*

Host: *“do you guys have french fries at the white house?”*

Guest: *“yes, you have everything at the white house, do you think, miss organic vegetables, hey, hey, not everyday, but you know I love french fries, I am a big french fry fanatic, that’s why I have to eat vegetables because”*

Host: *“just to balance it out”*

Guest: *“to balance it out, for sure. It would get ugly”*

Host: *“you said to Oprah, my good friend Oprah.. please say ouh. I will”*

Host: *“that your husband, I want to get this right, you called him scituate swagga-licious”*

Guest: *“I did”*

Host: *“how is swagga-liciousness achieved?”*

Guest: *“it’s a person that has a lot of swag, and if you don’t know what swag is, steve, you definitely don’t have it”*

*(cheers and applause)*

Host: *“I think, I think , it’s time to go to a commercial break, and we will back with Michelle Obama”*

Host: *“we are here with First Lady Michael Obama. The campaign is going on right now, we’ve got the two candidates out there who have their own agendas and their spouses have to sort of go along with whatever this person is doing, do you have any sympathy for the people who have to go there and stand by the person running for president?”*

Guest: *“uh no, not really”*

Host: *“no?”*

Guest: *“no, because if you know you have to be, you know, in it. If you are in it, and if you don’t agree, you should have agreed before they ran, you know, bottom line is, if you didn’t agree with what Barack was saying, I would not support his run. So I*

*stand there proudly, and I hope they are, too, standing with their spouses proudly. So no sympathy”*

*Host: “but the things they have to go through for instance, Melania trump was criticized for using what turned out to be a portion of your speech (cheers and applause) but do you have any sympathy because there are people around her creating things, and you know, I have some sympathy for her cow understand how that might be sympathetic for what happened to her?”*

*Guest: “yeah that was tough”*

*(laughter) (applause)*

*Host: “let’s move on, all right, let’s talk about “let girls learn”, so 62 million young women around the world do not have access to quality education what is “let girls learn” doing to try to improve that situation? Because that’s a huge problem”*

*Guest: “it’s huge part of it is bringing awareness to the issue, not just internationally, but here at home as well and we’ve done a lot in a year and a half to galvanize resources, expertise United States has invested millions of additional resource. We’ve partnered with Japan and The U.K to increase investments in girl’s education. The the the world bank group is investing over \$1 billion in girl’s education”*

*Host: “some of these- some of the reasons- I assume and you can correct me if I’m wrong- I assume some of the reasons are there are sort of cultural obstacles to girls being valued as educated members of society. How do you- how do you effectively change those cultural obstacles, rather than just providing opportunity, how do you make sure those opportunities are taken advantage of in countries that may not ordinarily offer them?”*

*Guest: “that’s what we’re working on, and we know we have to be on the ground, because you can’t change culture if you’re not a part of the culture, and the peace corps has played an important role. We have peace corps volunteers working on “let girls learn” initiatives on the ground, in a community, in a village, for up to to to years, really understanding the cultural issues, developing leadership training programs for not just the girls but their parents, so you have to take each community where they are, there’s no one solution to that, this problem, which is what makes it so complicated- every community is different. So awareness and engagement is critical, but we’re grateful to the peace corps volunteers out there doing the hard work on the ground”*

Host: *“I understand, right here in the audience and Jim, if we could get a shot of this- there are some young ladies in the front row here”*

Guest: *“yes”*

Host: *“who actually have been part of this program from Malawi, Jordan, Pakistan”*

*(applause) (cheers)*

Guest: *“they- they spoke so eloquently, they told their stories at an event that you helped to host yesterday here”*

Host: *“absolutely beautiful event here in New York City”*

Guest: *“on broadway to help raise awareness, we held it for the spouses of the world leaders of The U.N general assembly, it was a mixture of stories and you know, inspiration from these girls, and empowering music from some of the top broadway stars and we had this hand suspect young man here helping us keep it all together, and I’m so grateful for your support, not just yesterday, but on everything you do on issues that you don’t just speak out or you don’t just make us laugh, but you know about these issues, and you care about them, and that’s why I like you”*

Host: *“thank you very much, it was an honor to be invited, thank you very much. There’s a documentary that CNN is going to have on called: “we will rise” a CNN film that followed you on a trip to Liberia”*

Guest: *“Marakesh and Madrid”*

Host: *“and we have a can clip right here, Jim”*

*(WE WILL RISE CNN films)*

Michelle: *“you’re important in your own right, people want and need to value you because of who you are, because of your story, because of your challenges, that’s what makes you unique, you know? You want to be different, you want to be special the fact that you’ve been able to overcome challenges- and this is what I always thought- that made me smarter, that made me better, right? Because I could overcome things that a lot of people who were in the the same position never had to overcome” (applause)*

Host: *“well, thank you so much for being here it’s always an honor to talk to you, and I hope we have the chance to have you back again once you leave the White House, because I know that you and your husband will not stop trying to make a chance in the world”*



Guest: *“no, absolutely”*

Host: *“thank you very much”*

Guest: *“thank you, Stephen”*

Host: *“we will rise”: “Michelle Obama’s mission to educate girls around the world” premieres October 11 on CNN to find out how you can help support girl’s education, go to”*

Host: *“my guest tonight is a woman so famous, she needs only one name. Please welcome, oprah winfrey.”*

(cheers and applouse) (Start a love train love train)

Guest : *“Jon batiste. That guy is so good (Cheers and applouse) jon batiste!”*

(Cheers and applouse)

Host: *“happy new year to you”*

Guest: *“well happy new year to you . and I was saying to your team, it’s usually hard to get a guest, on, like, tonight.”*

Host: *“the first night back”*

Guest : *“The first night back so I booked my self a couple months ago. I just called*

*Host: you are the best.”*

Guest: *“and said i wanted to make it easier for you you”*

Host: *“you are the best . thank you”*

guest: *“it’s hard,”*

host: *“are these new? Are these glass new?”*

Guest: *“well, for years i wore contact lenses and then I got an eye infection and I started wearing glasses for it to clear up and after it cleared up I kept wearing the glasses”*

Host: *“they look fantastic”*

Guest: *“thank you , these are real”*

Host: *"could I try those?"*

Guest: *"you will not be able to see, you will see how clined I am. let's see"*

(laughter) (applouse)

Guest: *"see."*

Host: *"I have no idea who you are,"*

Guest: *"Because i really can't see you"*

host: *"you really can't see"*

Guest: *"I know. this is like you're playing with this , what is this? I really can't see, it's real"*

Host: *"no one will ever accuse you of lying"*

Guest: *"good"*

Host: *"do you have new year's resolutions? Because mine was to have you on, and i'm holding it so far, do you have new years resolution?"*

Guest: *"well, I stopped doing it. You know why? Because I used to have these, like, really high goals for myself, like, I would eye remember, like, in '99 or something, going into 2000, I wanted courage, I want more courage in the year or I want more passion, you know when you aks for courage, you get a whole lot of other stuff that's not."*

Host: *"you get a lot of things you need to be courageous"*

Guest: *"and, So I sad i'm not asking for that no more , i dont want courage, and if you ask,"*

host: *"give me the strength to say "stay on the couch and watch tv, lord"*

guest: *"thats right, and if you ask for love, you get the opposite because you have to show how you can love people in spite off their, you know, failings"*

host: *"you are blowing my mind right now"*

guest: *"I'm telling you"*

host: *"wow"*

guest: *"so I am just like, chill, whatever you want, GOD, I'm okay"*

(cheers and applause)

Host: *"I'll try that. That's good"*

Guest: *"I'm okay"*

Host: *"that's good"*

Host: *"Now you had the first lady's exit interview"*

Guest: *"Yes"*

Host: *"right before christmas"*

Guest: *"Yes"*

Guest: *"Did you see any of it"*

Host: *"I didn't"*

Guest: *"It's okay"*

Host : *"I did not, i did not, i'm sorry, i was busy being with my family"*

Guest: *"As you should have been"*

Host: *"thankyou,"*

Guest: *"yes"*

Host: *"thankyou"*

Guest: *"a lot of people with their families and they watched that special in CBS"*

(laughter, laughter)

Guest: (cheers) *"a lot of people – they actually tweeted, "oprah, we're here with our family, we're watching, but I understand, I understand"*

Host: *"I wanted to save it , I wanted to save it, I'm saying it for when I'm good enough to deserve it"*

Guest: *"It was fun, though, but also, a little – you know, it was bittersweet, because I had done a similar interview for the magazine in 2008 when the girls were just, like, baby children and- baby childrens! And you know, the thing that I'm going to miss the most- I actually said this- if you had seen the interview, you would have heard me say this to her."*

(laughter)

Host: *"you're making me regret being honest"*

Guest: *"no, I appreciate it, you know what I really appreciate that you didn't say, "oh, yeah I saw it" I'm not kidding, I really appreciate that"*

Host: *"okay"*

Guest: *"you didn't dvr it, either"*

(laughter, applause)

Guest: *"It's okay, so the thing"*

Host: *"oh oprah, i'm so glad you are here"*

Guest: *"but the thing that I said to her that I'm really going to miss is just the presence there, you get a christmas card, right, from them, every year?"*

Host: *"uh"*

Guest: *"you did"*

Host: *"I got a christmas card, yes"*

Guest: *"you did, so over the years you get the christmas cards, and the girls have grown up and this year's christmas card was, like the whole family, and the girls are all grown"*

Host: *"beautiful gowns"*

Guest: *"beautiful gowns, and for me, you know, african american woman, african american woman being able to see that reflection of myself through the girls and through her, just their presence there, I'm going to miss that but it has meant so much to me"*

Host: *"yeah" (cheers and applause)*

Host : *"extraordinary"*

Host: *"yeah"*

Guest: *"the- as I said to her, the kind of—the way she's handled all of it, you know, the critics from the beginning, the way she's handled"*

Host: *"everybody likes her on both sides of the aisle"*

Guest: *"They didn't start out that way"*

Guest: *"They did not start that way"*

Host: *"that shows great strength of character"*

Guest: *"That's right"*

Host: *"do you think there's any chance she'll run for office?"*

Guest: *"never!!!!"*

Host: *"really???"*

Guest: *"never, no, I do not"*

Guest: *"is there any charismatic african american woman that both sides of the political aisle"*

Host: (cheers and applause) *"really love"*

Guest: *"Never!!!!!! Never, No, no it's not my thing"*

Host: *"but people do- both sides of the aisle love the proof while all other magazines are dying, yours is still going strong "o" magazine right here, look at that"*

Host: *"can I ask you about this?"*

guest: *"what?"*

Host: *"Can I ask you this line right here, how do you- how do you bring yourself to lie next to a lion"*

Guest: *"You don't"*

Host: *"you don't?"*

Guest: *"No you don't"*

Guest: *"The lion's was shot before I got there and the lion- it was in a cage with the photographer and then they put a guy in a lion suit"*

Host: *"there's a guy in a"*

Guest: *"they put a guy in a lion suit next to me as they placed the original lion, and then I lay up against the guy in the lion, because I ain't crazy, I'm not, like doing that"*

Host: *"I'm glad you were honest, I'm glad you were honest about that, I would hate to think you would lie to me"*

Guest: *“but I did- this is my year of adventure, so I did just come from- you don’t have the january cover?”*

Host: *“ouhhh”*

Guest: *“Okay”*

Host: *“No, I don’t . I have it tivod”*

Guest: *“No I was just, I was at the grand canyon and that really is me at the grand canyon I am going around different places so that’s what I’m going to do this year”*

Host: *“wow.... can you teach me- can you teach me how to do this? Your smiles are always so great. When I go to smile- when somebody says “smile” I look like I’m in fear”*

guest: *“you know what the secret is”*

host: *“oke. everybody do this”*

guest: *“the secret is when you’re getting ready to smile and taking a picture, particularly in a group everybody says “cheese” that’s not good, you want to say, “yay” “yay!” one, two, three.. yay!”*

Host: *“yay!”*

Guest: *“Look at how good you look!”*

Host: *“love!”*

Guest: *“yay!”*

Host: *“we’re going to take a little break here, but we’ll be right back to talk about your new book”*

Host: *“hey,, welcome back everybody! In a little bit, I will be sitting down with first lady Michelle Obama,, everybody likes this woman, eventhough she is most famous for telling people to eat their vegetables. It’s incredible. For eight years at home and abroad, she has provided a voice for every American who wanted to tell the rest of the world “see? We’re not all crazy.” The first lady is here to talk about “let girls learn,” her program to promote education for young women all across the globe,*

*now, this might come as a shock to a lot of you, but I am not a girl (laughter) but a lot of important people in my life- my daughter, my wife, my mother- they were all once girls. And I can tell you, I'm glad they had access to education of course, I did go to school, and I learned a lot while growing up. But there are times that I miss the innocence of being a child I wish there was a place I could go where everything I knew when I was a child was still true and do you know what?there is my blanket fort..... (applause)*

Host: *"hey, hey, are you still weak?"*

Guest: *"oh! Yeah."*

Host: *"hey, Michelle"*

Guest: *"what?"*

Host: *"nothing."*

Guest: *"hey, Stephen?"*

Host: *"hey, yeah?"*

Guest: *"if you got stuck on a desert island with one famous person, who would you pick?"*

Host: *"oh, I'd pick the president. How about you?"*

Guest: *"beyonce."*

(laughter, applause)

Host: *"wait, wait, wait. Can I change to beyonce?"*

Guest: *"No. She's mine."*

Host: *"can I visit?"*

Guest: *"maybe."*

Host: *"hey Michelle? Do you think fruits and vegetables have feelings?"*

Guest: *"gosh, I hope not. I eat way too many of them"*

Host: *"hey, can I have one of your baby carrots?"*

Guest: *"yeah.. they're great"*

Host: *"hey, did you know that if you eat too many carrots you turn orange?"*

Guest: *"really?"*

Host: *“yeah.. and if you turn really orange, you have to start saying crazy things and run for president.”*

(laughter, applause)

Guest: *“hey Stephen, what do you think adults do all day while we’re at school?”*

Host: *“oh, they go to work”*

Guest: *“and, what do they do at work?”*

Host: *“I think they drink wine and watch r-rated movies.”*

Guest: *“hey what do you want to be when grow up?”*

Host: *“oh, I think I want to go to Harvard and be a lawyer and a writer and a advocate for nutrition and military families and girl’s education. What about you?”*

Guest: *“I want to be Joe Biden or a pirate”*

Host: *“oh. Or a pirate Joe Biden. Rrrrr.... get off me- get off me train!”*

Host: *“that’s pretty good, Joe Biden Michael Obama. Pirate.”*

Guest: *“you want to see something spooky?”*

Host: *“yeah”*

Guest: *“oh, my gosh. Don’t do that. It’s not funny!”*

Host: *“hey,,,, ow, ow”*

(laughter, applause)

Host: *“when I grow up I’m going to be president so I will have the secret service stope you from doing that to me. Hey, Michelle, why do we have to take the presidential physical fitness test?”*

Guest: *“why ask he care how many sit-ups I can do?”*

Host: *“Probably because he’s super competitive.”*

Host: *“I’ve heard some teachers have their own kids at home”*

Guest: *“really? How do they get them?”*

Host: *“I hear they pick the ones they like best from last year’s class.”*

Host: *“hey, Michael. Do you know where babies come from?”*

Guest: *“you should ask a grown up”*

Host: *“why?”*



Guest: *"because they get really fluftured when you ask and they start stuttering, they're like, "oh, well..." it's the funniest thing in the whole world, you gotta see it"*

Host: *"I'm going to do that"*

Guest: *"hey Stephen"*

Host: *"yeah"*

Guest: *"if you got one wish what would it be?"*

Host: *"I'm not telling unless you tell"*

Guest: *"well, I'm not telling unless you tell"*

Host: *"okay, let's count to three and say them at the same time."*

Guest: *"okay"*

*"One, two, three"*

*"Improve access to education for the 62 million girls worldwide who are not in school!"*

(cheers and applause)

Jinx!

Guest: *"mao you can't talk until I say your name, stephen."*

Host: *"that counts! My friend can Michael Obama, everybody. We'll be right back"*