

If –

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can keep your learning budget when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on Eric,
If you can master change by learning how to
Use models, themes and concepts academic;
If you can pass Part I and feign elation
When your invisible certificate appears,
Or wait for Set Advisor inspiration
And wait . . . and wait . . . and wait . . . and wait for years:

If you can tell your good breast from your bad breast
And get to grips with them using both-ands,
If you can map the world of change with interest
And write some papers no-one understands;
If you can wait for absent-minded gurus
Or spend two hours learning how to clap,
If you can shift your paradigms and world views
And explain to others why it's not all crap:

If you can learn to live with silly Set names
If chaos and complexity attracts,
If you rewire your left and then your right brains
To dialogue the feelings and the facts;
If visionary enabling transformation
And leadership or paradox connects,
If metaphor, gestalt and co-creation
Mean more to you than food and drink - and sex:

If you can stimulate yourself through learning
And expose your soul to others in the Set,
If competence unconsciously returning
Is just about as good as it can get:
If you can split your life up into sections -
Where you're going, you are now, and where you've been -
If you can dissertate the main connections
From the inside, standing outside, looking in:

If you can form and storm and norm performly
When learning contract aims have all been met,
If you can self-assess yourself informed-ly
And evidence arrival to your Set;
If you can fill two years' worth of study
With Residentials, Sets and waffling on,
Yours is an MSc in Change with Mastery
And - which is more - you'll find your budget's gone!

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