

Pulp, Sheffield: Sex City

Intake Manor Park The Wicker Norton Freshville Hackenthorpe
Shalesmoor Wombwell Catcliffe Brincliffe Attercliffe Ecclesall
Woodhouse Wybourn

[At this point, Candida starts talking...]

Pitsmoor Badger Wincobank Crookes Walkley Broomhill Oh!

[Candida, quoting from some book]

"I was only about eleven when this happened.

We were living in a big block of flats with a central courtyard.

All the bedroom windows opened onto this court,

and sometimes in the middle of the night,

in that building it sounded like a mass orgy.

I may have only been eleven,

but no-one had to tell me what all that moaning and yelling was about.

I'd lie there mesmerised, listening to the first couple.

Invariably, they'd wake up other couples,

and like some kind of chain reaction,

within minutes the whole building was fucking.

I mean, have you ever heard other people fucking, and really enjoying it?

It's a marvellous sound.

Not like in the movies, but when it's real.

It's such a happy, exciting sound."

The city is a woman

Bigger than any other

Oh, sophisticated lady

Yeah, I wanna be your lover (not your brother, not your mother, yeah)

The sun rose from behind the gasometers at six-thirty a.m.

Crept through the gap in your curtains

And caressed your bare feet poking from beneath the floral sheets.

I watched it flaking bits of varnish from your nails

Trying to work it's way up under the sheets.

Jesus! Even the sun's on heat today;

the whole city getting stiff in the building heat.

I just want to make contact with you

Oh that's all I wanna do

I just want to make contact with you

Oh that's all I wanna do Ow

Now I'm trying hard to meet her but the fares went up at seven

She is somewhere in the city somewhere watching television

Watching people being stupid, doing things she can't believe in

Love won't last 'til next installment

Ten o' clock on Tuesday evening

The world is going on outside, the night is gaping open wide

The wardrobe and the chest of drawers are telling her to go outdoors

He should have been here by this time, he said that he'd be here by nine

That guy is such a prick sometimes, I don't know why you bother, really.

Oh babe oh I'm sorry

But I had to make love to every crack in the pavement and the shop doorways

And the puddles of rain that reflected your face in my eyes.

The day didn't go too well.

Too many chocolates and cigarettes.

I kept thinking of you and almost walking into lamp-posts.

Why's it so hot? (Peace garden!)

The air coming up to the boil; rubbing up against walls and lamp-posts trying to get rid of it.

Old women clack their tongues in the shade of crumbling concrete bus shelters.

Dogs doing it in central reservations and causing multiple pile-ups in the centre of town.

I didn't want to come here in the first place

But I've been sentenced to three years in the Housing Benefit waiting room.

I must have lost your number in the all-night garage

And now I'm wandering up and down your street, calling you name, in the rain

Whilst my shoes turn to sodden cardboard.

Where are you?

[Candida:] (I'm here!)

[Jarvis:] Where are you? (I'm here!) Where are you? (I'm here!)

Where are you? (I'm here!)
Where are you? (I'm here!) Where are you? (I'm here!) Where are you?
That's all I wanna do.
I'm still trying hard to meet you, but it doesn't look like happening
'cos the city's out to get me if I won't sleep with her this evening
Though her buildings are impressive and her cul-de-sacs amazing
She's had too many lovers and I know you're out there waiting
And now she's getting into bed he's had his chance now it's too late
The carpet's screaming for her soul, the darkness wants to eat her whole
Tonight must be the night it ends
Tomorrow she will call her friends and go out on her own somewhere
Who needs this shit anyway?
And listen I wandered the streets the whole night crying, trying to pick up your scent
Writing messages on walls and the puddles of rain reflected your face in my eyes.
We finally made it on a hill-top at four a.m.
The whole city is your jewellery-box; a million twinkling yellow street lights.
Reach out and take what you want; you can have it all.
Gee it's so hot tonight!
I didn't think we were gonna make it.
It was so bad during the day, but now I'm snug
and warm under an eiderdown sky.
All the things we saw:
everyone on Park Hill came in unison at four-thirteen a.m.
and the whole block fell down.
The tobacconist caught fire, and everyone in the street died of lung cancer.
The grunts from the T-reg Chevette; you bet, you bet, yeah you bet.
Mmmmm. Yeah.
All I wanna do is make contact with you. Tomorrow, are we gonna?
That's all I wanna do...
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That guy is such a prick sometimes
Yeah Jesus!
Oh baby babe I wanna I wanted to tell you that there's nothing
There's nothing to worry about because we can we can we can we can get it together oh yeah
Oh we got it together tonight yeah we made it.