Tower blocks we lived in all come tumbling down
Moved out to another slum in another part of town
Playing football in the street and pissing in the lift
Who really ever thought it would come to this

East ham high street market on a Saturday Stuffing things in coats, making out getaway Back round Charlie's house to see just what we'd got In school Monday morning we'd just flog the lot

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Blame the system, but don't blame us

Games of chicken in the kitchen with a carving knife
Eight stitches in my hand, I think I got off light
You're girlfriend's there in tears your mate's made another pas
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when's he gonna learn he only has to ask

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Schoolteachers sing you won't come to anything There's no future in playing these dives But looking back today we won't have another way Because we had the times off our lives

Out of school, out off work and out of cigarettes We'll all have some breakfast if he wins the bet All the posing & posturing never made much sense Little boys, little man, little innocence

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