

# Carnival

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Animals in cages  
Been pacing round this town for ages  
Same pubs, same seat, same pint  
Same names, same faces

Bitter as the brown stuff  
Downed on a daily basis  
Drowning in debt and regret and the loss of that bet at the races

Names to the faces  
Barry and Yvette's  
Brett's and the Stacey's  
To all the kids on the estate, it's a state of affairs  
That they can't bear yet to engage with

Been that way since back to basics  
Been that way since Maggie was hated  
The carpet in the flats looking dated  
It stinks of the cat, and the pattern is faded

Been that way since the Jubilee parade  
It's been that way since VE day  
It's been that way since rationing ended  
It's been that way since they started Eastenders  
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The bunting stays out from March to December  
Been that way as long as anyone remembers

Been that way since the ages were dark  
And embers that sparked filled the park in November  
When they burned all the pyres and the arks  
And the marks on the bark of trees show the temper

Of the people as they lived then  
The features of life in a time when  
Things were pretty crazy  
Though maybe it's vaguely the same as today, see?

Everyone's a creature  
Everyone's a carnivore  
Anyone's a preacher  
Anyone's a matador  
Carving for sport the beasts on the hard floor  
Keys down a car door  
The piece we all ask for  
The peace we all ask for

A piece of cheese, a smorgasbord  
A slice of toast, the most secret chord  
The price of life on the chessboard  
The next fraud  
Can't be arsed with what for  
Can't be arsed with the not-yours  
Can't be arsed  
Can't be arsed  
Can't be arsed with it anymore

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Everyone's a hunter in the dark  
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