Sundial In The Shade

Paul Heaton & Jacqui Abbott

As she sat down, put up her feet And she turned the telly on She clearly wanted some revenge For how badly day had gone

And nothing could be better No end of day complete Than watching fellow woman Getting beat

So she smiled a knowing smile As gradually, the plot Took the damsel down For everything she'd got

And nothing made her heart leap like Another falling flat That she was not the only one Who married into that

What I want from life
Is not a rollercoaster dip
What I want from love
Is not a ramp up to a skip
All I want is compliment
Occasionally made
For a life of pure simplicity
Unlike these soaps I'd trade
Till then, I am just
That sundial in the shade...

See, mama went to prison And left her feeling blue Now, twenty good years later She's in that prison too

A prison where the governor's In the armchair of despair A prison where the only thought Is a wish she wasn't there

So she smiled a knowing smile As gradually, each soap Took away her dignity And offered her the rope

So, with coat over pajamas
She headed into the night
Television never made no friends
But solitude just might

What I want from life
Is not a rollercoaster dip
What I want from love
Is not a ramp up to a skip
All I want is compliment
Occasionally made

For a life of pure simplicity Unlike these soaps I'd trade Till then, I am just That sundial in the shade...

In the shade Sundial in the shade

When the groom is just too matey With the father of the bride And the punch on shoulder's just too hard For the bridesmaids to decide

Like the mints that fence the lager breath There's so much he could hide Is it plastic bag or jellyfish That's floating by your side?

What I want from life (what I want from life) Is not a rollercoaster dip What I want from love (what I want from love) Is not a ramp up to a skip

All I want is compliment Occasionally made For a life of pure simplicity Unlike these soaps I'd trade

Till then, I am just (till then, I am just)
That sundial (in the shade)
Till then, I am just (in the shade)
That sundial in the shade...

In the shade...
Sundial...
All I want from life...
All I want from love...