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# 56 Up

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They are now 56.

Lynn, Sue and Jackie grew up  
in London's East End  
and were friends  
at school.

In this school,  
we do metalwork  
and woodwork  
and the boys  
do cookery.

All you girls want to do  
is walk out, get married,  
have babies and push  
a pram down the street  
with a fag hanging out  
the side of your mouth.

I think that we all  
could have gone  
any way that we wanted to  
at the time  
within our  
capabilities.

But we only had  
a limited choice anyway.

Truth be told...

we didn't have the choice  
or private education  
because they couldn't have  
afforded it anyway.

Our lives are changing  
far too much.

All of us.

To be honest, when you look  
at the 7-year-old us,  
it's difficult to believe  
it is us.

I've got to say, girls,  
I wanted to work  
in Woolworth's.

I'm glad you said that, 'cause  
everyone thinks it was me.

Sometimes we go out and play  
nasty with the boys  
and sometimes we go out

and argue with the boys.  
I don't think I'll get married  
too early.  
I'd like to have  
a full life first.  
Marriage means a different thing  
to me.  
I've still got my ideals  
about marriage.  
I don't know  
what it's all about.  
Sue was 24  
when she married Billy  
and they had two children,  
William and Katherine.  
I think that  
to get married young,  
there must be things  
that you miss.  
You must miss that crucial stage  
of being yourself,  
because the minute you  
get married,  
you're no longer a single being,  
you're a partnership,  
and that should be  
the idea behind it.  
By the time Sue was 35,  
she was divorced.  
I've never sat down  
and thought,  
"What was it?  
Was it this, was it that?"  
I just knew  
it wasn't working.  
There have been relationships  
when I could have settled,  
but they didn't feel  
quite right.  
So I've always come away  
and pulled away  
and just waited until  
the right one come along.  
If they ever do.

Said you'd be comin' back...  
At 42, when we filmed Sue  
in the karaoke bar,  
she brought Glen along  
to watch her sing.  
Oh, baby  
We just met and things are going well,  
but now, obviously,  
things are going very well.  
Well, we've been engaged now  
for about...  
14 years.  
I'm not beating any records,  
but it's quite a long time, isn't it, yeah.  
Come on!  
Jessie, come on!  
We're completely different  
people.  
He's very energetic  
and tidy-minded,  
and I'm lazy  
and completely un...  
You're lazy?  
I am completely,  
absolutely lazy.  
Anything you want me  
to do?  
What about the romance  
of getting married?  
Yeah, I mean,  
I do admit it would be a nice party  
and I quite relish the idea  
of having everyone round  
and having a good old drink  
and a celebration.  
But I can have  
a party anytime.  
Who are you on the phone to?  
Never you mind.  
When I got married,  
the primary reason was because  
I wanted to have a child.  
The two of us went together.  
Have you and Glen thought

of having your own child?  
Glen would have  
made a great dad.  
When we first got together,  
he sort of asked me  
if we could have a family  
and all that,  
but I felt that I was past it,  
to be honest.  
I mean, I had two teenagers and didn't want  
to do that again.  
But he's loved  
bringing them up.  
Last time we talked about  
a bit of tension in that area.  
No, I think that was  
probably just the age they were  
and every family goes  
through that.  
There was nothing in particular,  
I don't think.  
It's just the whole part  
of growing up, really.  
Wasn't easy being  
a single mother, was it?  
No, it wasn't.  
I look back on it now  
and I'm just amazed  
at how I got through it,  
you know.  
What was  
the toughest part of it?  
Probably a combination of not having  
enough money to do what you want  
and being alone and scared  
when things happen  
and things go wrong, which they  
always do when you've got kids.  
You've got no one there  
to turn to, you know,  
to talk about things  
like that.  
And you had to work.  
Yeah, but I was always

only part-time,  
so that I could fit it  
around school.  
So who was  
the biggest help to you  
during this whole  
single-parent...?  
There's no doubt at all,  
without my mum and dad,  
I would never have survived it.  
They were brilliant.  
They were really good.  
They mean the world to the kids  
and they used to look  
after them.  
Always be there if something happened  
and I had to go somewhere.  
Yeah, nice, ain't they?  
And how  
are they doing now?  
Yeah, they're fine.  
Dad's 80 now.  
And mum's 78.  
I think I'm so lucky that  
they're still reasonably active.  
There you go.  
That's lovely, that one,  
isn't it?  
I've still got Katherine  
with me  
because she hasn't found  
anywhere else to go.  
I mean, I'm sure she would  
love to leave me,  
but I love it,  
the fact that she's here.  
We go shopping  
and do girlie things.  
Do each other's hair  
and things like that,  
so I would miss her,  
but I know  
that she needs to get out  
and move on.

Only had to have one filling.  
That's about the only thing  
that I had done.  
What about William?  
Well, he went  
to Australia for a year.  
And he never settled back in,  
being independent.  
I think it was too much.  
Plus his room here  
was far too small.  
And his computer was bigger  
than the room, you know.  
So, um...  
Yes, he's renting.  
It's just so hard for him to  
be able to afford something,  
so in the future, your kids  
are going to be with you  
for a long, long time.  
But a lot of my work is involved  
in making bookings  
and dealing with  
hotels abroad.  
At 21, Sue worked  
for a travel agent.  
At 35, part-time  
for a building society.  
Everything's changed for me  
because I'm now  
supporting myself a lot more  
than I was, say, a year ago.  
At 42, she went back to work  
full-time,  
helping to run the courses  
in the legal faculty  
of Queen Mary College,  
University of London.  
At 49, she was  
the main administrator  
for their  
post-graduate program.  
Do you like  
the responsibility?

Yeah, I love  
the responsibility.  
I think I was born  
for the responsibility.  
I'm now sort of  
the coordinator  
of the entire program.  
So, sort of "Marge in charge,"  
really, of the LLM.  
It's like my baby, really.  
You know, I've nurtured it from its  
small beginnings into what it is now.  
Thank you very much.  
See you at graduation, yeah?  
I really do enjoy it.  
I get up of a morning  
and I don't ever think, "oh,  
I can't face going to work. "  
But that happens to a lot of  
people, so I'm lucky, really.  
Someone's having trouble  
downloading this attachment  
so I'll take this down  
for them.  
Sue, you've got  
a lot of responsibility.  
Is there stress  
attached to it?  
Sometimes. I mean,  
some parts of the year  
are busier than others,  
and you've got deadlines  
to meet.  
But then, in a way,  
that's good,  
because it keeps you  
on your toes, you know.  
Never get bored.  
Where does the life of my  
respectable, middle-class mother  
overlap with  
a working-class slapper  
who leaves her illegitimate  
child on a church doorstep?



- She was not!

- You don't know!

She was young and frail...

It started not long after  
the last program with Tony,  
my neighbor, and he belonged  
to the group.

And I said,

"Oh, I've been wishing  
I could do dramas for years,"  
you know,

since I was at school,  
and he said, "Come along. "

That's the time you must  
keep on trying

Smile

What's the use of crying...

To stand on the stage  
and sing

and have people, hopefully,  
appreciate it, hopefully,  
you know, but there's still  
that little nervous thing,  
the butterflies in your stomach  
when you're waiting  
for the curtains to open  
and, you know,  
it's a buzz, really.

Realistically, this is the point  
you really do have to consider.

You can't do two modules  
that are taught

at the same time, obviously.

When I get on the stage to speak  
to 500 students,  
some people would find that  
very daunting.

But I actually don't  
because I think if you know they  
can never ask you something  
you don't know the answer to,  
then I think that helps build  
your confidence.

And I'm not exactly shy,

am I?

It always takes one, you see.

Once you get one,

other people tend to ask.

You never went

to university and now

you're right in the middle of

a huge university machine.

I suppose I should count

my blessings

that I'm actually in

a university,

having not done it myself,

yeah.

Looking at it,

do you wish you had had that opportunity?

Not really.

It's the same as anything.

Why look back and say, "I wish

I did this or had done that"?

I've had a good career.

At least I'll have my own home.

Which is a new thing

for my family.

My mom and dad are obviously

still in Council Place.

I'll never be a rich pensioner;

I'll never be able

to travel the world once

I retire, I'm afraid,

but as long as I can keep

the house warm

and we can feed ourselves,

that will be fine.

I don't like the big boys

hitting us

and the prefects

sending us out for nothing.

When he was 7,

Paul was in care

in a children's home

in London.

Were you happy at

the children's home in England?

We didn't mind that, really,  
because we didn't know  
what was going on  
'cause we were a bit young.  
Well, as far as I know,  
my mother and father...  
Well, they separated  
originally, I think.  
And they eventually  
got divorced.  
I went to the boarding school  
for one year  
and then we emigrated  
to Australia.  
Paul settled with his father  
and stepmother  
in a suburb of Melbourne.  
Would you like to get  
married, Paul?  
Tell me why not.  
I don't like like, um...  
Say you had a wife.  
Like, say you had to eat  
what they cooked you.  
And say I don't like greens.  
Well, I don't.  
I know I'd prefer  
to be alone, really.  
I can't say I don't want  
to get married,  
'cause I think I do, but I want  
to be happily married,  
and not before  
when I'm not sure.  
What was it that you  
fell in love with?  
What is it about him?  
His helplessness,  
I suppose.  
Just the motherly instinct  
in me,  
to pick him up  
and cuddle him.  
He's also very good-looking,

I think,  
but he doesn't agree with me.  
In the summer, he's got this  
cute little bum in shorts.  
I mean, I can tell  
quite a few stories,  
but the one that really  
irritates me the most is,  
when we have an argument,  
he says, "That's it, leave me. "  
I say, "Fine, all right,  
I will one day. "  
We had our 20th wedding  
anniversary  
just before Christmas.  
Which is  
the life sentence.  
And one reckons that we  
should be out of jail by now.  
To a certain extent,  
we started thinking,  
well, do we really know  
each other now?  
Because you just get in  
the humdrum  
of going to work,  
coming back home.  
Running kids here...  
Kids here and there.  
I don't think you mean to be,  
probably stop thinking  
about each other a lot.  
It's still the last  
person you want to see at night  
before you go to sleep  
and the first person  
you want to see  
when you wake up.  
Do you still like to  
cuddle and love and all that?  
Yeah, but not in public.  
No. Yes.  
But is  
the chemistry still there?

Yes.  
You don't sound sure.  
Well, we like  
to keep it private.  
I had to wait  
for the answer.  
I find it hard to express  
emotion most of the time.  
Although I'm getting on top of  
that more now, you know.  
Just the simple things  
to say to Susan.  
"I love you,"  
something like that.  
I mean, I can tell you  
about it,  
but I really haven't been able  
to say it  
to Sue, you know.  
I did end up having to get  
a bit of help.  
It wasn't directly due  
to our relationship.  
It started at work,  
unfortunately.  
Which brought  
my self-esteem down,  
which tended to affect  
everything else.  
I know the lack of confidence  
is there.  
It still applies to me.  
But I don't dwell on it.  
It's there, and I have  
to put up with it.  
I just think you take on  
a little bit more of  
each other's personality.  
'Cause whenever I was decisive  
and made a decision and said,  
"Let's do this," because Paul,  
not that he couldn't make  
the decision  
but he had all these questions

to ask, and I used to think,  
"Oh, stop asking questions,"  
and I suppose now I start to question myself,  
"maybe he should  
ask the questions. "  
So it is that bit of living  
with the other personality.  
I was going to be  
a policeman  
but I thought how hard it would  
be to join in.  
I was going to be  
a phys-ed teacher,  
but one of the teachers  
told me that  
you had to get up  
into university.  
As a young man,  
Paul spent many years  
in the building trade  
and then moved on  
into factory work.  
Okay, the question was,  
Gracie Fields' sang...  
"In the what  
in the Moonlight?"  
It's a retirement village  
with independent living.  
And then it's got  
assisted living in the hostel,  
which is mainly  
where I work.  
It's got six letters.  
Gracie Fields sang...  
They have their own laundry.  
It's a complete unit.  
They have their own  
lockup garage.  
So there's a couple  
of parcels there...  
And that's why Paul's there.  
I call him "the man about  
the house" at work,  
because he changes

light globes.  
Problems with your taps,  
they go check it out.  
Cleans the gutterings,  
fixes squeaky doors,  
'cause the village is now  
25 years old.  
So the maintenance is starting  
to gather.  
How are you doing  
up there, Paul?  
When the job came up,  
I said to Susan  
that if there was  
any problem at all  
with us working together,  
then I'd leave.  
But so far we've found it  
really quite good.  
- Hi, Lola, how are you?  
- I'm good, Paul.  
I've probably always been  
a little bit more relaxed  
around older people, probably.  
Always liked older people as I  
was growing up, funny enough.  
By the time they were 28,  
Paul and Sue had two children,  
Katie and Robert.  
Katie did well at school  
and went on to university,  
the first person  
in her entire family  
ever to do so.  
Robert trained  
as a car mechanic.  
He met his wife Stacey  
when they were teenagers  
and now they have  
five children.  
So there's Lucas,  
who is 9.  
Then there's Ryan,  
who is about to turn 7

at the end of this month.  
Then there's Haley, who's just  
turned 5.  
And she'll start school  
in the new year.  
Then there's Shane,  
known as Shane-o,  
and he is 3 this week.  
He's the joker out of  
the lot of them.  
If he does something  
and you laugh,  
he'll laugh with you,  
and he loves a joke.  
And then there's little Troy  
that's 12 weeks old.  
I look back at my grandmother  
and I've taken some wonderful  
lessons from her.  
Grandma made us all feel that we  
were her special number one,  
but I think that's the secret  
to being a grandparent is to  
make every child feel that they  
have someone that they  
can relax with,  
be themselves with.  
Grandparents now have a really  
huge part to play  
in their parents' lives because  
the pressure's on them  
to work so much,  
and grandparents fill that hole  
of mum not being home every day.  
I've already made them, so there  
they are for the kiddies.  
And your Rich likes  
fairy bread.  
Get some spoilers  
and snakes in there.  
Happy birthday,  
dear Shannon  
Happy birthday to you  
Not you!



It's a real struggle  
for them, financially.  
But at the same time, like all  
young kids, there's areas  
we look at and go,  
"We didn't have that. "  
I've got 23 threepenny pieces,  
and I don't know how many  
ha'penny pieces I've got now.  
Look, there's a whole  
stack of duckies over there.  
None of our kids have got  
credit cards.  
They don't live  
a credit life, yet.  
They try and pay as they go,  
which is what we've  
always thought,  
and that's kept our head  
above water, just.  
We always thought if we were  
unemployed or out of work,  
if you own your house,  
you've got a huge buffer.  
And Robert's  
of the same belief.  
In their 20s,  
Paul and Sue sold up,  
bought an old van, and traveled  
across Australia.  
We were close together,  
because we really got  
to know each other and relied  
on each other so much.  
One of the most important  
things we ever did  
with our children,  
we spent time with them,  
and particularly when  
you've got holidays.  
You know, go camping with them.  
Well, we went over  
to visit Katie,  
because she was working up in the top

end of Yorkshire on a community farm.

We were missing her.

We just didn't want  
to tell her that.

Well, they miss you  
when you're away.

Do you miss them?

I didn't miss them, like,  
God, I wanna be around them,  
but I thought about them a lot  
and appreciated them a lot,  
which is probably good.

So are the three of you  
getting on well?

Yeah, most of the time.

As long as we're not  
in the car.

Getting lost.

We're atrocious  
in the car.

But other than that,  
we're good.

It is good.

When we were in London,  
we went to Greenwich.

It was built as a maritime  
retirement village, almost,  
for the sailors from  
the Napoleonic Wars,  
so that was all  
really interesting  
because we work in  
retirement villages.

These buildings here were built  
before Australia was even  
discovered.

So that's pretty amazing.

Katie was in awe of it  
because

in her degree,  
she did art history,  
so she just loved it.

What does "university" mean?

Are you going to try and point

your grandchildren into education?

You want them to have  
a good education  
no matter what they do.

Better  
than you had, maybe?

But that's my fault,  
really.

I mean, I just didn't  
work hard enough, I guess.  
You hope the school systems  
have changed  
to encourage kids to go on,  
because one thing  
you can't take away from people  
is an education.

I mean, the one thing  
my daughter's taught me  
is that it doesn't  
matter what you do,  
there's room for all of us,  
even to the point  
if you don't work, you're still  
teaching us something.

You're teaching  
other people to care.

How are you dealing  
with getting old?

I don't think  
you really notice it.

You still think  
you're the same.

Maybe when you try  
to do something  
physically too quickly  
and pull a muscle,  
that just reminds you  
that you're getting older.

Are you fearful of  
the future of disability  
or unable to do things?

You hope that you're  
going to be  
one of the fortunate ones

and not get ill in any way.

- Hello, Ken.

- Hello, Paul.

Maybe where I work  
may have helped that recently  
because people just tend to  
get on with their lives  
no matter what.

And then that's the one  
with the palace.

You got a nice shot  
of the bin, there.

That one's good.

You're getting better.

Shut up.

Do you measure your life  
in terms of success  
and failure in any sense?

I don't really.

I suppose the success is that  
we're sitting here together  
and that we haven't had  
tragedy happen to us.

It's just about getting on  
with life  
and then enjoy  
our grandchildren,  
our children, and our friends,  
you know.

Yeah. Our goals  
of life have never...

And then work  
just gets in the way.

Well, we pretend we've  
got swords  
and we make the noise  
of the swords fighting,  
and then once we get stabbed,  
we go, "aaaah!"

Neil grew up in  
a Liverpool suburb  
and had dreams  
of going to Oxford  
but didn't get in.

Instead, he went  
to Aberdeen University,  
but dropped out  
after the first term.  
At 21, Neil was working  
on a building site  
and living in a squat.  
I would like to be somebody in  
a position of importance,  
and I've always thought it,  
but I don't think I'm  
the right sort of person  
to carry the responsibility  
for whatever it is...  
I always thought,  
well, I'd love to be possibly  
in politics  
or something like this.  
At 28,  
we found Neil homeless,  
wandering around  
the west coast of Scotland.  
If the money runs out,  
then for a few days,  
there's nowhere to go to  
and that's all you can do.  
I simply have to find  
the warmest shed I can find.  
At 35, he was living  
in a Council estate  
on the most northerly part  
of Britain,  
the Shetland Islands.  
And what would you like  
to be doing, say in seven years?  
I can think of all kinds  
of things I'd like to be doing.  
The real question is, what am I  
likely to be doing?  
What are you likely  
to be doing?  
That's a horrible question.  
Um...

I tend to think the most likely

answer is that  
I'll be wandering homeless  
around the streets of London.  
Can I just point out some of  
the considerable disadvantages?  
First of all...  
At 42, Neil had moved  
to London  
and was a Liberal Democrat  
on Hackney Council.  
While I was in Shetland,  
I felt very strongly  
that I should become  
involved in politics.  
Simply because I felt  
I was not achieving anything  
in the ways I really wanted to.  
By 49, Neil had left London.  
Moved to Cumbria  
in the northwest of England,  
and was a Liberal Democrat  
member  
of his local district council.  
It was a committee decision,  
a majority decision.  
His own group on  
the Establishment Committee  
agreed with the decision.  
Councilor Hughes?  
The Councilor Cook has  
reconsidered his opinion  
he ventured at that meeting.  
Here we are in the center  
of the ward I represent  
on the council.  
These are  
our public toilets.  
I can assure you that no more  
fierce battle has been fought,  
either on the playing fields  
or indeed  
on the battlefields  
of England, to save  
what might appear to be

a comparatively  
insignificant  
local amenity.  
It sounds vaguely comic,  
but presumably it's not to you.  
But when you live  
in a small community,  
you become very proud,  
rightly, of the facilities here.  
And people are willing to play  
a part  
in helping to keep them going,  
but they don't want  
to be ignored, they don't want  
to be marginalized.  
My strength is being able  
to keep going, really.  
My weakness is not being able  
to take any positive course  
of action.  
No formal education can prepare  
anybody for life.  
Only life can prepare you  
for what comes.  
And sooner or later,  
you're going  
to have to cross  
certain barriers.  
There are a few things  
I would like to say.  
And the first thing to say is,  
there's been  
tremendous good will  
toward the series.  
But I'm also aware that I'm  
not the only participant  
who wants to set the record  
straight in a number of ways.  
For so many millions of people,  
I'm here wearing my heart  
on my sleeve.  
And they think they know  
absolutely everything about me.  
There were countless people

writing me, saying,  
"I know exactly how  
you feel. "  
And actually,  
from those letters,  
I would say none of them,  
not a single one of them,  
knew exactly how  
I was feeling.  
I've got a great deal of respect  
for the Liberal Democrats,  
but I think that I won't  
vote for them this time...  
Here in Cumbria,  
I'm really glad to be doing  
what I do to be representing  
people  
at local political level.  
But in one sense I'm doing that  
because it's the only way I've  
been able to make any money.  
I get a derisory amount of money  
for being a councilor.  
I do enjoy the work, but I've  
been completely unsuccessful  
in trying to find a paid career  
of any kind.  
I have always wanted to write  
as a career  
and indeed have written  
huge amounts.  
And ironically, despite  
appearing in this program  
so frequently, nobody  
has ever shown  
any serious interest in any  
of the work I do.  
And believe me, it's a great  
deal more important to me  
than anything I can say  
on the television screen.  
Even if somebody sent it back  
to me and said,  
"Well, I read it,



and it's rubbish, actually,"  
that would be very demoralizing,  
but at least some interaction  
would have taken place.  
There's hardly a day goes by  
when I don't write.  
That's a great gift,  
isn't it?  
It is, but it shouldn't be  
a sort of masturbation  
about which nobody else  
knows anything.  
Neil Hughes is  
the Liberal Democrat candidate.  
I and the Liberal Democrats want  
to see a just and fair society.  
In 2006, I was invited to go to  
Australia to give a talk,  
and the chap  
who introduced me said,  
"Neil is clearly such a  
profoundly motivated politician  
that we can all expect to see  
him as Prime Minister  
of the United Kingdom. "  
This wasn't a joke, I assure you  
he said this  
with absolute seriousness.  
Now, it was ludicrous,  
but this is how wildly skewed  
the perceptions have become.  
Do you think I would  
really have been  
invited to Australia if they  
were aware that I was someone  
who lives on a few quid a week  
benefit and has  
as much chance of changing the  
future of the United Kingdom  
as...  
I don't know,  
someone who's serving  
a lifetime jail sentence?  
Yes, I'd say

I believed in God.  
Are you religious?  
Well, I go to church with  
my parents on Sundays.  
I don't know even now whether I  
do believe in God or not.  
I've thought an awful lot  
about it, actually.  
And I still don't know.  
And how has he been  
treating you?  
Well, I said to somebody last  
week that I preferred  
the Old Testament  
to the New Testament.  
Because in the Old Testament,  
God is very unpredictable.  
And that's, I think,  
how I've seen Him in my life.  
And Doreen as well...  
I was first a lay reader  
in London.  
After completing  
a little more training,  
I was relicensed by  
the bishop of Carlisle.  
Well, good morning.  
Welcome to our service today.  
Just a couple of notices first.  
If you haven't already  
been told,  
the proposed pet show  
is, unfortunately, cancelled.  
I'm the lay minister.  
I'm licensed to carry out  
quite a number of functions.  
That includes leading services, preaching,  
taking part in the readings,  
helping to distribute  
the communion, and so on.  
In fact, I can do more or less  
everything a priest can do.  
To what extent  
am I a good model for others?

I don't know.  
On the other hand,  
I am angry that so many doors  
have been closed,  
not just for me,  
but for so many people.  
I do feel nobody's  
listening out there.  
There seem to be  
few currents  
that are encouraging people to  
stand up for their rights,  
not just their strict  
legal rights,  
but their rights  
to be human.  
In the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
I'm not unappreciative of  
the honor it's been  
to be able to serve  
the church,  
to be able  
to serve my community,  
and I want to make that  
absolutely clear.  
And it's true, I think it was Albert  
Camus who said that life is what happens  
while you're waiting for  
something else.  
But it's not the sort of place  
where someone  
who wants to change society  
is best employed.  
I would have thought  
that was pretty obvious.  
In the winter, if you live in the country,  
it was just all wet  
and there wouldn't be anything  
for miles around.  
We're a very quiet village.  
There's always room for more  
activity and for more people  
being involved, but I think

we do fairly well  
as a diversity of groups.  
They're still trying to  
persuade me to go in.  
Apparently Alan has cried off  
at the last minute,  
so there's just  
the two of them.  
I think it was Pascal, the great  
philosopher and mathematician,  
who said that if a man can live  
happily in his own living room  
most of his life, then he's achieved  
the utmost philosophical breakthrough,  
and philosophically speaking,  
that's true, but I can't.  
You stick me in my living room  
for one hour on my own  
and I want to be out  
doing something.  
I want to be out  
changing things.  
I have always had  
a nervous complaint.  
I've had it since I was 16.  
It was responsible for my  
leaving university  
and for some of my difficulties  
with work.  
Do you worry about  
your sanity?  
Um...  
Other people sometimes  
worry about it.  
Like who?  
As I said, I sometimes can  
be found behaving in...  
in an erratic fashion.  
Sometimes I get very frustrated.  
Very angry.  
For no apparent reason.  
For a reason which won't be apparent  
to other people around me.  
I don't see any way out.

I've thought of everything  
I possibly could.  
It seemed to me for a long time  
that getting a reliable job  
and a nice place to live  
would be the solution.  
Well, I haven't succeeded.  
I can't see any immediate future  
at all.  
Although there have been times  
in my life  
when I've been suicidal,  
that wasn't one of them.  
So there have been  
worse than...  
Yes, but it's not for  
this program  
to expose my private feelings,  
and yet many people feel  
it has.  
Ultimately.  
Although this time round,  
I've been far more candid  
than I perhaps ever have  
in the past.  
My formal contact with  
the psychiatric establishment  
belongs mostly to my mid  
and later teens  
and a short period  
of my early 20s.  
But I soon came  
to the opinion  
that I could help myself  
far better  
than those who were  
purporting to help me.  
But I was aware even then that a  
lot of the therapeutic technique  
is about leading people  
to exactly this conclusion,  
if it's done well.  
So I'm not going down the line  
of criticizing

the medical establishment.

But did you refuse to go  
into any sort of treatment?

No, I did have contact.

But then you  
discontinued it.

Yes.

Do you still think  
that was wise?

Yes.

Are you scared  
of getting old?

Yeah, I don't want to live  
to be that old.

I think if I can reach  
something like 70  
or 75 in reasonable health,  
that will be quite enough  
for me.

When I get married,  
I don't want to have  
any children,  
because they're always doing  
naughty things  
and making  
the whole house untidy.

I always told myself that I  
would never have children.

Why?

Because...

Well, because children inherit  
something from their parents.

And even if my wife were  
the most high-spirited  
and ordinary and normal  
of people,  
the child would still stand  
a very fair chance  
of being not totally full  
of happiness

because of what he or she will  
have inherited from me.

Have you ever really had  
a romantic emotional

relationship?  
Oh, I've had several,  
but the fact that I'm living  
alone still  
obviously betrays the fact that  
none of them has endured.  
Is there a reason  
for that?  
Relationships always involve  
two people.  
But the string of  
failures,  
does that tell us something?  
Well, I'm sure it does.  
Any fool can see that.  
I'm not saying you're a fool.  
What does it tell us?  
It tells you what you like.  
It tells you that I haven't been  
successful in relationships.  
It may tell you that I'm  
intolerant.  
But it more likely tells you  
that I don't have  
the capacity for making  
a relationship work.  
But I must stress again  
that it does take two.  
I have never walked out of any  
relationship with anyone.  
It sounds like ghostly  
colored people.  
'Cause you think of  
a purple person  
with red eyes  
and yellow feet.  
You can't really think of what  
they really look like.  
I find it hard to believe  
that I was ever like that,  
but there's the evidence.  
Probably when I was 7, I just  
lived in a wonderful world  
where everything

was a sensation.  
I could be happy and I could be  
miserable the next minute.  
What makes you happy?  
"Happy"  
is a difficult word.  
How many people are happy?  
Perhaps we're most happy  
when we're not aware of it  
and enjoying a relaxed meal  
with some friends.  
Just being with friends.  
I think the few weekends  
in the year  
when I'm lucky to be able to  
go and stay  
with some of my long-term friends,  
I'm really happy.  
I can think of hardly  
anything better  
than walking across  
the fields  
when we just chat about the  
things we're both interested in  
and our aspirations, and I think  
that's the noblest  
and in many ways most satisfying  
of relationships  
you can possibly have.  
How it would be if we lived  
next-door to each other  
I don't know,  
it might be very different.  
Maybe the joy in some  
relationships is that  
you see some people only  
infrequently.  
I don't think you ought to go  
to university  
if you want to be  
an astronaut.  
Watch this.  
Peter and Neil  
were childhood friends



growing up in Liverpool.  
Peter went  
to a comprehensive school  
and went on to get a history  
degree from London University.  
I would like to think that  
democracy is here to stay.  
Perhaps we haven't got  
full democracy.  
In fact, we probably haven't,  
but...  
It's a pretty good system.  
Are you surprised by the  
way England's being governed?  
I'm not surprised with  
the people who govern it  
at the moment right now.  
I've even stopped being amazed.  
Why?  
Well, I don't want to get  
dragged into party politics,  
but basically this is the most  
incompetent,  
uncaring bloody shower  
we've ever had.  
After "28 Up,"  
Peter decided not to continue  
in the film.  
Why did you pull out?  
I pulled out because of...  
the responses  
and the reactions  
that my participation drew  
in the weeks afterwards.  
Particularly in  
the tabloid press.  
They decided they were  
going to portray me  
as the angry young rad  
in Thatcher's England.  
Well, it's just the principle,  
that's all there is to it.  
I think I was articulating  
at the time

what a lot of people of my age  
and my background were thinking.  
And I was an easy target.  
They're part of it.  
They perpetuate it.  
But I was absolutely taken back,  
completely, genuinely shocked,  
at what I saw as  
the level of malice  
and ill-will  
directed towards me.  
Until you've experienced it  
yourself,  
you can't begin to appreciate  
how it feels.  
So now you're back.  
So why did you come back?  
I feel a lot happier  
with myself.  
Happier in my own skin.  
And then secondly,  
more specifically,  
because I want to promote  
the music and the band I'm in.  
It was a ghost town  
And what are you called?  
We're called  
the Good Intentions.  
But when he hit that bank...  
I'd always played  
in rock bands.  
Some of them  
spectacularly bad bands.  
What really got me into  
this music  
was being exposed to  
the music of Graham Parsons,  
'cause way back in the day,  
I was a big Elvis Costello fan.  
And I read an interview with him  
in which he said, "if you think  
I'm a good songwriter,  
listen to Graham Parsons. "  
It was almost like an epiphany.

It was like I was hearing  
the music I'd been waiting to  
hear all my life.  
Once, Caroline Sheffield said  
she loved me.  
And I'm going to marry...  
many...  
marry her when I grow up.  
Doesn't appeal to me at all  
at the moment,  
but I mean, what,  
I'm just gone 20.  
Haven't even been abroad yet  
in my life.  
There's no way I'm going to  
get settled down.  
So, Paul, what do you want  
to do?  
Do you just want me and Peter to record  
what we're doing and you'll work round it?  
We were working in an office  
together  
when we joined  
the office band  
and that's how we got  
to know each other.  
So, Gabby, was it  
love at first sight?  
Well, I had a sneaking suspicion  
that Pete liked me  
because he was really rude and  
sarcastic to me all the time,  
so I thought, "I think he's  
probably quite keen. "  
You know that's not true.  
And you've always played  
together since then?  
Yeah, more or less.  
We probably stopped for a while  
when the kids were little.  
Our boy is 19,  
our daughter's 16.  
And how  
are they doing?

Great. Doing really good.  
They're doing remarkably well.  
Our son is in his first year  
at university.  
And our daughter is coming up  
to her GCSEs.  
Once you have your own kids,  
you have this huge realization  
of how your own parents  
felt about you  
and what they did for you.  
What's the greatest gift  
a parent can give a child?  
It's their unstinting love  
and support and their time.  
Their time because I think  
children value that  
more than anything.  
Unconditionally,  
you giving them your time.  
Well, if I can't be  
an astronaut,  
I'd like to be a Bridewell  
sergeant in the police force,  
like my dad is.  
So are you under pressure  
to get a job?  
Yeah, I suspect I am  
from my parents.  
Keep dropping hints.  
Teachers are undervalued  
and underrated.  
And the system's  
beginning to crumble.  
You know, people outside of it  
don't realize that, but it is.  
And it's...  
it's very disillusioning.  
I left teaching not long after  
that program.  
And it was actually nothing  
to do with the program.  
That was a misunderstanding  
at the time,

I think, which took hold  
in the press.  
I'd been planning to leave  
teaching anyway.  
And I just didn't see  
a long-term future in it  
for myself.  
And I thought I had been honest  
with myself about that  
and honest to the kids I was  
teaching at the time  
and move on  
to something else.  
After teaching,  
Peter studied law  
and joined  
the civil service.  
Gabby also works there.  
Civil service, despite changes  
currently taking place,  
is still comparatively  
a pretty decent employer.  
What area of  
the civil service are you in?  
Department of Work  
and Pensions.  
I've changed the key...  
an F sharp, sorry about that.  
When Pete writes,  
he often wants to share that  
and at a fairly early stage talk  
about what he's writing.  
And if it's no good,  
I have to tell him.  
And that's quite difficult,  
isn't it?  
I'm sure it is, yeah.  
She was running down roads  
I didn't know  
So when we started work  
on the album we're doing now,  
Pete said to me, "I've got 120  
song ideas to go through,"  
and I said, "But of those 120,

we need to get it down  
to about 10 so I'm going to have  
to tell you  
that 110 are no good. "

How do you take  
criticism?

Well, I think I take it  
better than I used to.  
That's not setting the bar  
very high, though.

No.

What have been for you  
the best times?

Tommy Smith scoring  
the second goal in Rome.  
Definitely.

One of the all-times.

Which game was that?

That was the European Cup final,  
That's still up there,  
by the way.

But along with what?

But, well...

Um...

Getting married  
for the second time  
and having  
two children  
have been hugely significant  
moments in my life.

What do you want  
out of life?

The satisfaction of knowing  
that I've left  
some sort of imprint  
rather than just lived out  
my life.

You've been gone  
for so long, Evangeline  
No one's looking for you  
anymore

I hesitate to say I think I have  
made my mark now,  
because that sounds

horrendously vain.  
But I've created a body of work  
of which I feel very proud.  
I feel I've achieved something  
of lasting value.  
And in the last two  
or three years,  
we have begun to become  
reasonably successful  
in terms of  
critical responses.  
We were voted the U.K.'s  
Americana Act of the Year  
at the British  
Country Music Awards.  
From time to time,  
like anybody else,  
I look back and think,  
"I wish I hadn't done that,  
I wish I'd done that  
differently," but I don't think  
really life is there  
to be regretted.  
Life is there to be lived, and I  
feel the most important thing  
is to feel that by and large  
you haven't  
compromised too much  
and that you've  
moved your life on  
where you want  
your life to go.  
I would like to get married  
when I grow up.  
Well, I don't know  
what sort of boy,  
but I think one that...  
That's not got a lot of money,  
but has got some money,  
not a lot.  
Jackie grew up  
in London's East End.  
Have you got  
any boyfriends?

That's personal, isn't it?  
By the time she was 21,  
Jackie had married Mick  
and moved to the outskirts  
of London.  
She and Mick had decided  
early on  
that they didn't want  
to have children.  
Basically, I would say that  
would be far too selfish.  
By 35, she was divorced.  
We decided ourselves, I mean,  
just between the two of us.  
We knew it wasn't going  
any further.  
We both knew, I think,  
at the end of the day,  
we would be happier  
leading our own lives.  
Oh...  
And this one on, oh, yeah.  
Here we go.  
Had a brief but very sweet  
relationship,  
the result of which  
was Charlie.  
I don't really want  
Charlie to be an only.  
I'd love him to  
have brothers and sisters.  
But not necessarily  
loads of them.  
One would do, actually.  
Right, Charlie, there's yours.  
Ooh!  
Please eat it all up.  
Oh!  
And, James.  
Thanks, Mum.  
Good boy.  
And last but not least...  
You going to eat  
that one for me?



After her relationship with  
Charlie's father ended,  
she met Ian, and they moved  
to Scotland and had two sons.  
James.

By 42, they had split up.  
Lee.

Go and get 'em!

At 49, despite the split,  
the family were living  
in the same area  
of Scotland.

Seven years later,  
they're still there.

So tell me  
who lives where.

Um, Lee will be here  
until October.

James is here  
until he moves in with  
his girlfriend,  
which I'm hoping  
won't be too long.

Charlie's actually  
already moved out  
because of his dad.

Or their dad,  
I should say.

Um, because Ian's been  
diagnosed with cancer.  
And it's stage four,  
so it's quite advanced.

The strange part about this is,  
his mother has also got  
cancer as well.

Your grandmother?

Their grandmother.

Come on, swans!

She's brilliant.

If I could have chosen  
a mother-in-law,  
she was the one  
I would have chosen.

She's great for me,

she's absolutely brilliant with the children.  
And she's just always there when  
I need her to be.  
She's terminal.  
How long has she got?  
Don't know.  
They don't know how long.  
I think they're talking months  
rather than years.  
And to have mother and son  
suffering the same sort of thing  
is very difficult.  
She doesn't want us  
to be sorry  
and be sad, she wants us  
to go on and live our lives  
and it's not stopped her  
from trying to live her life.  
It seems to have been  
one thing after another.  
My stepmom died,  
my brother-in-law died,  
my sister's died.  
She wasn't 50.  
She'd actually gone downstairs  
and made herself a cup of tea  
and collapsed on her way back up  
to her bedroom  
with a major brain hemorrhage.  
So, boys, how is your  
mother handling all this?  
Uh, in her stride.  
Nothing seems to be getting  
to her.  
She's always been  
a strong woman.  
She will be upset, but she won't  
let us see it.  
She's always a brave face  
in front of us,  
and then when she's alone  
or with her friends,  
that's when she  
gets the sadness out.

This is a period when  
the four of you feel close?

**All:**

Got to be there for each other  
in things like this.

Actually, I would say  
in the last six months,  
they've all suddenly seemed to  
have gotten maturity.

My mum, 'cause she got  
five girls,  
she has seven years bad luck.  
That's why she's got five girls.

Two club sandwiches  
on brown bread,  
one Hilton burger with cheese.  
Yes, chef.

Charlie is a sous chef  
in a nearby hotel.

And James works part-time  
as a security guard  
in a local supermarket.

Check two aisles up  
from your current location.

I expect my baby in December.  
We're still young, obviously,  
so it's a bit  
of a shock, but I am excited  
about it.

How old are you now?

19, coming on 20.

Are you excited  
to be a gran?

Couldn't bear that.

She doesn't like  
being called "granny. "

No, I will be "gran,"  
not "granny," thank you.

Not nappy full now,  
please, madam.

Oh, look at the face.

Well, since you were here  
recently,

we've had a new addition  
to the family.  
Her name is Mia.  
Mia was born  
on the 21st of November.  
And unfortunately, on the 18th  
of November, her granddad,  
Ian, the boys' dad,  
was severely injured  
in a road traffic accident.  
He subsequently died  
of those injuries.  
Unfortunately, he never regained  
consciousness  
so he never even met her.  
But he took a photo of her  
in his coffin, and I dare say  
he's looking down and saying,  
"Ha, I got away with it.  
I've not got all those nights. "  
I'm due to go into the Army  
on the 17th of October,  
where I'll learn to become  
a medic.  
I can't stop him now.  
He's 18, he can do what  
he likes.  
He can sign on  
without my approval.  
But it's a chance he takes,  
and he knows that there's  
a possibility  
that he won't come home.  
At the end of the day,  
you're a soldier  
and going to war is part  
of being a soldier  
and that's what  
you got to do.  
I want you to do it, but it's  
not going to stop me worrying.  
You know that.  
You know that.  
I took a year off when

I had Charlie  
and the state kept me  
for that year.  
But I went back to work,  
and although,  
to be honest, by the time  
I pay everything out,  
I'm not actually that much  
better off, but I feel better.  
James, you watch,  
you're catching up to him.  
Go on, Lee.  
I was working up here  
until very recently.  
But then discovered that I've  
got rheumatoid arthritis.  
So at the moment,  
that's put work on hold.  
Misty, come on then.  
For every one good day I have,  
I can have two bad.  
Which means I can't get out  
of bed very well.  
It takes me two, three hours  
to get ready.  
The poor,  
if you don't help them, they'll  
sort of die, wouldn't they?  
Jackie has been living  
on disability benefits  
for over 14 years.  
I don't cope financially.  
Without my mother-in-law  
stepping in to fill the gap,  
I wouldn't be coping.  
It's really hard to explain  
to anyone  
who's not had to do it.  
You get to a point where,  
either that bill doesn't get  
paid or your children don't eat;  
so, obviously,  
your children eat.  
So, looking

at the world of cutbacks,  
how is this affecting you?  
I, along with probably millions  
of other people in this country,  
have had my benefits reviewed.  
And they sent me for a medical  
and have come back and told me  
I'm fit to work.  
Which is a bit of a shock.  
What job can I do?  
I can't use my hands.  
I can't sit for long.  
I can't stand for long.  
I can't walk very far.  
I don't know how they expect  
anybody to employ me.  
Because I couldn't guarantee  
being there five days a week.  
I mean, I'm lucky inasmuch  
as I've got three sons  
all working,  
whilst James here has got  
Mia and a family of his own.  
Charlie and Lee don't,  
so they help me out.  
They have to.  
By all means,  
cut the benefits.  
But you've got people out there  
that are healthy  
and are milking the system.  
And they're not touching them.  
They're getting away with it.  
If David Cameron can find me  
a job, then I'll go to work.  
You tell him to come get me  
a job and I'll do it.  
I know he loves her  
and he loves her.  
I don't, I love him.  
I'd like to be able  
to have a happy family.  
I mean, I know it's not possible  
to be happy all the time,

but as much of the time  
as possible.  
What about your own life?  
What about relationships  
for you?  
I would like  
a relationship.  
I've been trying  
for the last five years  
to build up a social life  
of my own.  
Because I knew  
that this time would come.  
I've been using the Internet,  
which is interesting,  
to say the least.  
Is it scary?  
I mean, some people  
have obviously  
had bad experiences with it.  
There was a chap  
that we filmed when we were  
looking at you and Liz...  
what happened to him?  
He decided  
he needed space.  
So I gave him that space.  
So that was a bit of  
a disaster.  
But that's the way  
of relationships... sometimes  
they work, sometimes they don't.  
What are you  
looking for in a fella?  
Pulse would be nice.  
If I said that I love you  
and you know it's true  
You look great,  
you seem optimistic.  
Yeah, no, I am.  
My glass is always half full,  
never half empty.  
And that's the way it will  
continue to be, I hope.

Life's too short  
and you just have to try and go  
on the best you can.  
And I think my life  
is going to be good.  
What sort of things  
do you do?  
Ride, swim,  
play tennis.  
Ping-pong.  
And I might play croquet.  
Things like that.  
I don't think my father wants me  
to be a farmer.  
My youngest brother's  
the deaf one,  
if he can't do anything else,  
he can probably run a farm.  
I thought that you and I were  
both in the film as being  
rural, in the sense that  
your family  
had some big connections  
to sort of rural Scotland.  
I think also,  
when we were 21,  
I remember having to go  
to some reunion somewhere,  
and I remember you just  
stuck out as being  
the one person that I had more  
in common with  
and spoke to the most.  
We'd been e-mailing  
each other  
since forty-something...  
It was one night,  
I think it was quite late,  
and I just threw a line at Nick,  
I said,  
"I'm going to bed now.  
Perhaps you and I ought to do  
a double act on the sofa. "  
I mean...



And he wrote back some  
funny message.  
No wonder!  
I would, wouldn't I?  
When I leave the school,  
I'm down for Heathfield  
and Southover Manor.  
And then maybe I may want  
to go to an university,  
but I don't know  
which one yet.  
My home life  
wasn't very easy then.  
I'd been sent off to boarding  
school when I was quite young.  
My parents' marriage  
was breaking up.  
And like  
a lot of children,  
I think you feel that you take  
the blame  
for why they've broken up.  
That's just the way it was,  
and I hated the two years  
I was away at this first  
boarding school, and I think  
that was probably  
what changed me.  
Well, I hated boarding school,  
too, with a passion.  
I was forced to grow,  
I didn't choose it.  
I definitely got some messages  
that said,  
"You're going to be  
in trouble  
if you don't do well,"  
and so on.  
But you don't regret it.  
And you wouldn't have  
the life you have now.  
Hey, I'm grateful for it,  
but it was very uncomfortable.  
I was never one

to push myself forward.  
And nobody else  
was pushing.  
And no one else  
pushed me.  
I left school when I was 16.  
I went to Paris.  
I went to secretarial college  
and got a job.  
What made you decide to  
leave school and go to Paris?  
Well, I just wasn't interested  
in school  
and just wanted to get away.  
If you had had no choice  
but to get out there and support  
yourself,  
the chances would  
have been greater  
that you would have forced  
yourself to do it.  
Yeah, that's possibly true,  
but at the age of...  
11, 12, 13, are you really  
aware of that?  
Now, that's  
a very telling question.  
In my world, you betcha.  
When I grow up,  
I'd like to find out  
all about the moon and all that.  
And I said I was interested  
in physics and chemistry,  
I'm not going  
to do that here.  
At 14, Nick was away  
at boarding school.  
At 21, reading physics  
at Oxford.  
His road to Oxford started  
in a one-room village school.  
My father was here.  
A long time ago, he must be  
somewhere in these pictures.

I remember distinctly  
coming here one day  
and I'd missed a day  
for some reason  
and they'd been talking about  
something to do with aeroplanes.  
And the teacher said,  
"We missed you  
because you would have known  
about aeroplanes. "  
I knew nothing about aeroplanes,  
but I thought,  
"Oh, I know about aeroplanes,  
do I?"  
So then I went off  
and read about aeroplanes.  
That could easily have been  
the start of,  
"I want to go  
to the moon. "  
I think she planted  
that idea in me.  
Do you have  
a girlfriend?  
I don't want to answer that.  
I don't want to answer  
those kind of questions.  
I thought that one would  
come up,  
because when I was doing  
the other one, somebody said,  
"What do you think about girls?"  
And I said, "I don't answer  
questions like that. "  
Is that the reason  
you're asking it?  
The best answer would be to say  
that I don't answer questions  
like that.  
You know, it was what I said  
when I was 7,  
and it's still  
the most sensible,  
but what about them?

If you'd been somebody who  
had had fixed ideas  
of a woman's role in marriage  
that meant  
dinner on the table

**at 6:**

Didn't I tell you  
about that?

By 28, Nick had married Jackie,  
a fellow student from Oxford.

They had a son, Adam.

By 42, they were divorced.

What I've concluded, and  
I've talked to other people  
about this

who've gone through it...

I'm not sure if they feel it as strongly  
as I did, but it was like a death.

Anything could happen.

We could easily drift apart.

There are so many pressures...

If your spouse died,  
you could look back and think,  
"well, it was wonderful  
while it lasted. "

But in a divorce,  
you can't look back and say,  
"these are all happy memories. "

Hey!

Cryss is my new wife.

I don't mean to be superficial,  
but I think  
she's the most beautiful woman  
I've ever seen.

Is he sexy?

Oh, man.

Absolutely.

Didn't you have fun  
with that one?

I always need to learn  
patience and...

What do I need to learn?

Shall I get out my list?

Yeah, we need the list.

Go on.

Um...

Tell me, do you have  
any boyfriends, Suzy?

Um...

Yes.

Tell me about him.

But he lives off in Scotland  
and I think he's 13.

Have you got  
any boyfriends, Suzy?

What is your attitude  
towards marriage for yourself?

I haven't given it  
a lot of thought,  
because I'm very, very  
cynical about it.

When I last saw you  
at 21, you were nervous,  
you were chain-smoking,  
you were uptight,  
and now you seem happy?

What's happened to you over  
these last seven years?

I suppose Rupert.

I'll give you some credit.

I'm now chain-smoking.

I think you can't just walk  
through a marriage  
and think once you get married,  
it's all going to be  
roses and everything forever.

It's very hard to actually say  
what it is

that goes on  
between a couple.

It's either there  
or it's not.

Any marriage  
has its ups and downs.

But somehow,  
whether it's through luck  
or determination, we've

worked through  
the difficult times.  
One of my favorite  
places in Oxford,  
Merton Chapel.  
Here's this lovely top part  
of the cross.  
And there was going to be  
the main part of the cross.  
This is one of the places  
in England  
that just is tremendously  
important to me.  
After I left the Dales,  
this was where I spent  
the next six years,  
and then I went to America.  
Look, isn't this beautiful?  
This is Mob Quad.  
I believe that it's  
a historical fact  
that quite a lot students were  
massacred in the middle ages.  
When I came here, I thought I'd  
died and gone to heaven.  
But I was under an awful lot  
of stress  
all the time I was here  
trying to succeed in this place  
as well.  
So this was my staircase  
in my first year  
and also in my third year.  
There was this fellow  
who lived in the room nextdoor to me  
and he came in one day  
to tell me some story.  
And on his way out, he said, "Do you know,  
I don't associate intelligence  
with your accent. "  
It would seem really ridiculous  
to any of my friends  
who watch this if I said,  
"Christ, aren't I

a great success?  
Look at me!"  
You know, what success?  
By the time he was 28,  
Nick had emigrated to America.  
He was doing research  
into nuclear fusion  
at the University  
of Wisconsin.  
If you'd been offered  
a similar type of job  
over here...  
In a heartbeat.  
You would have stayed.  
In a heartbeat.  
I mean, I dreamed of getting  
a university job over here.  
Maggie Thatcher was squeezing  
the universities  
like crazy at that very moment  
in time.  
And it was the worst time to be  
working in a university  
in generations.  
England doesn't seem  
to concern itself  
with training people like me  
and wanting them around.  
There doesn't seem to be  
a sense of urgency  
or a strong will to have people  
developing technology  
to help keep the country going.  
The fusion reaction  
gives off energy and produces  
the power that would  
be turned into electrical...  
I was on a mission, you know,  
to get extremely cheap, clean,  
plentiful electricity.  
So nuclear fusion looked like  
it was going to do that.  
But even then, they were saying  
"it's 20 years away. "

I would say absolutely not  
in my lifetime.  
It was kind of heartbreaking.  
So I had to find  
something else to do.  
So the area that I'm looking at  
is this times this.  
When I go into a classroom  
full of undergraduates,  
I try and explain to them  
why they might want  
to try and do it.  
That's my attempt to open  
a little door for them.  
Nick is a professor  
of electrical engineering.  
My ambition as a scientist  
is to be  
more famous for doing science  
than for being in this film.  
Unfortunately, Michael,  
it's not going to happen.  
When I get married,  
I'd like to have two children.  
I'm not very  
children-minded at the moment.  
I don't know  
if I ever will be.  
What do you think  
about them?  
Well, I don't like babies.  
At 28, Suzy had two sons...  
Thomas and Oliver.  
Come catch it.  
By the time she was 35, she  
also had a daughter, Laura.  
Mummy? Laura wants you.  
We were lucky.  
We had a very good family unit  
with them growing up.  
And that meant an awful lot  
to me,  
that I was able to do that  
for them,



'cause I never had it  
for myself.  
And you've done it, you've been  
tremendously successful at it.  
Well, see, that's my problem.  
I don't think of myself  
as being...

I just do my best and do  
what I can for them.

Did all your children  
go to university  
or your daughter did?

Yes, and my son did,  
the eldest one.

Hello.

I haven't had a successful  
career, but I do feel fulfilled.

I've done quite  
a lot of different things  
over the last seven years.

You know, we all make mistakes,  
in everything, from parenting  
to decisions in life.

You make mistakes,  
and that's how you become the person you are.

You can talk to me outside,  
but I'll just meet you by  
the garage, okay?

All right, bye.

Nick's son Adam was 10  
when his parents divorced.

When he was first told,  
he was terribly, terribly upset.

And then he just  
pulled himself together  
and didn't want to talk  
about it anymore.

Take it easy, Adam.

Main thing is not to crash.

Really? You don't want me  
to crash right now?

How does he

deal with it now?

He doesn't talk to me

about it very much at all.  
He's a private person.  
He's getting more mature, and he  
has to be very patient with me.  
Can you imagine having me  
for a dad?  
Do you think it would be  
a low-pressure existence?  
This is my little school.  
I'm nuts, and I would drive  
a kid nuts with all my nagging.  
Do you think you've pushed  
him too far,  
which is why he's now  
backing away?  
Anything I push him to do,  
he's going to do the opposite.  
So there's a real...  
You know.  
They'd like to come out for  
a holiday in the country  
when I'd like to have  
a holiday in the town.  
It's a fixed reference point,  
in a sense,  
that sort of earthy  
life-and-death cycle you get  
living on a farm.  
If something dies, it rots  
and feeds back into the earth.  
He has a density  
to him.  
One of the first things  
he said to me is,  
"My feet are in the mud. "  
The whole idea of being  
deep in the mud  
and very attached to a foundation  
makes good sense to me.  
Nick has two younger brothers,  
Andrew and Christopher.  
I come up most weekends.  
Then Chris gets up usually  
in midweek,

so he helps with shopping  
and stuff like that.  
We don't get over  
to England very often,  
and so you can count  
on one hand  
how many times you're gonna see  
your family  
before somebody dies.  
And that's getting more and more  
pressing every time we come.  
You know, so, yeah,  
this is tricky.  
How are they doing?  
Not well.  
They're very old.  
Yeah, I don't really want  
to elaborate on that.  
'Cause it's full  
of emotion, I guess.  
It's all the stuff that we  
repress as hard as we can,  
isn't it, but...  
Yeah, it really is.  
I'm looking at these names,  
who they all are...  
This, of course,  
is Granny Hitchon  
and Grandpa Hitchon.  
When I was a little guy,  
I got up at the crack of dawn  
and scooted nextdoor to spend  
the morning with her.  
So, yes.  
She died when I was 5 or 6,  
I think.  
So I think I was devastated.  
Yeah.  
And you still  
remember her?  
Absolutely.  
Yeah.  
I know you should  
let these things out.

And I don't.  
I store them up.  
But that's the character  
with me now,  
and I can't change it.  
Thank you very much.  
Nick is truly English.  
I mean, my father is English  
and I was probably in my late  
20s, maybe early 30s,  
before I uttered the words  
"I love you"  
to either one of my parents.  
There is a difference,  
a distinct difference between  
the type of English person  
he is  
and the type of American people  
I've been with.  
You may know the difference,  
too, Michael,  
because you've been  
in both settings.  
If I said that I love you  
What do you think about  
making this program?  
I think it's just ridiculous.  
I don't see any point  
in doing it.  
Why is it that we are so  
annoyed about this program?  
I think the problem  
I have is that you don't get  
a very rounded picture.  
You get the odd comment that  
comes out on a particular topic.  
But because of the time  
restraint  
that this program  
obviously has,  
otherwise we'd be on for a couple of months  
if you were trying to get  
everybody's real thoughts  
on things.

It's just that the limitations  
of such things  
as what the audience require  
and the time don't allow it  
to be a real study.  
I think I'd like to say this  
and I'd like to say that.  
And then they film me doing  
all this daft stuff.  
And it goes on seven days  
out of every seven years,  
it's sort of biblical  
something or other,  
and it's all  
this excitement  
and so on, and then they present  
this tiny snippet of your life  
and it's like,  
"That's all there is to me?"  
When I go home,  
I go and see my mother.  
Then I have tea  
and watch TV.  
And then I, um...  
do my homework, and then  
I go and see my father.  
Were they, in the '60s,  
trying to say  
that the fact that I supposedly  
had a more  
privileged upbringing,  
that I should have been the one  
who'd become the high flyer?  
Absolutely.  
You having come... I just think  
that's so wrong,  
but is that what they were  
trying to get at?  
The idea of looking  
at a bunch of people over time  
and how they evolve, that was  
a really nifty idea.  
It isn't a picture really  
of the essence of Nick

or Suzy, it's a picture  
of Everyman.  
It's how a person, any person,  
how they change.  
You know, just seeing me  
this age and the next age  
with more wrinkles  
and more... oh!  
I think we have all got  
a few of those.  
- Oops!  
- Oops!  
Just, it's not an absolute  
accurate picture of me,  
but it's a picture of somebody,  
and that's the value of it.  
But then we're putting ourselves  
out to be that person.  
Well, I didn't want to do it  
when I was 14.  
I know I was very difficult  
because I was very  
anti doing it.  
I was pressurized into doing it  
by my parents.  
Um...  
And I hated it.  
And I vowed I'd never do it now.  
But here I am.  
I mean, who knows in seven years  
whether it will be done again.  
But this is me saying  
hopefully I'll reach  
my half-century next year  
and I shall bow out.  
I don't know what happened.  
I was quite adamant  
I wasn't going to do it.  
And then...  
I don't know.  
I suppose I have this ridiculous  
sense of loyalty to it,  
even though I hate it.  
And that's just such

a contradiction, isn't it?  
But...  
And also I think...  
It's like reading a bad book.  
I'll still read it,  
I'll still see it through.  
And I guess I'll put this down to being  
a bad book, but I'll see it through.  
Symon was brought up  
in a children's home,  
the only child  
of a single parent.  
They say,  
"Where's your father, then?  
You know, when your mum's  
out at work,  
you stay with  
your father?"  
And I just tell 'em  
I ain't got one.  
See, I can get on well  
with my mother sometimes.  
We talk very well  
with each other,  
but it's sometimes  
not quite as mother-and-son,  
sort of more like friends.  
When he was 35,  
Symon's mother died of cancer.  
There was so many things  
I never actually said to my mum  
that... just things that,  
you know, you think about after,  
but it's too late  
because they're  
not there anymore.  
What sort of things?  
Dunno, just "I love you,"  
every day.  
Uh, when I was born,  
an illegitimate child,  
that's something that  
somebody whispered about.  
People, you know, feel strongly

about in those days.  
But nowadays, you...  
It's...  
It's not a serious matter.  
The serious point is whether  
you stay with somebody  
or you leave them.  
Um, since 21, I've got married,  
had a couple of kids, and, um...  
By 28,  
he had married Yvonne  
and they had  
five children.  
They've got everything, then.  
They've even got  
what I never had.  
- Which is what?  
- A father, innit?  
So, I mean,  
they've had everything.  
By 35,  
they were divorced.  
At one stage, they all  
stopped seeing me at all.  
But now,  
bit older, bit wiser...  
And I'm a bit older  
and wiser,  
and now three of them  
see me.  
At 42,  
he married Vionetta.  
Hiya!  
We used to go out  
when we were younger.  
We met in the launderette.  
- Once a week.  
- Once a week.  
Vionetta already had  
a daughter, Muriel.  
And she and Symon  
had a son, Daniel.  
Is there  
anything of you in him?



Ah, his dashing  
good looks, yeah.  
That's me.  
And his love of sport,  
as well.  
Well, today's  
Daniel's big, big day.  
He's now 18,  
and he's a young man.  
He says.  
And he's done  
very, very well  
with his schooling  
and everything.  
The beginning of the week,  
I received the e-mail  
saying that I got into my apprenticeship  
with Procter & Gamble,  
which I'm very...  
I'm excited about.  
And I start that in  
the next couple of weeks.  
All I want to say is  
that I have had  
the proudest week  
of my life.  
With my son passing  
his exams,  
he's passed his test,  
and if  
the money runs through,  
he might get a car.  
Happy birthday to you  
Happy birthday  
to you  
But here, people are undecided  
about you.  
They can be your friend one day  
and not the next.  
Obviously, when children  
come into foster care,  
family and friends  
are involved, as well,  
and we have to ensure that

the children are kept safe.  
By 49,  
Simon and Vienetta had decided  
to train as foster parents.  
Went to boarding school  
when I was young,  
and I always felt that  
that was regimental.  
They didn't allow for  
personal care,  
for loving  
from the adult carers,  
so I wanted to do something  
like that for myself,  
you know, in my own home.  
And we always say  
to foster carers,  
please do not  
cut the children's hair  
without the permission  
of the parents.  
So, what's  
the toughest thing  
about being  
a foster parent?  
You're taking a chance  
when you do it,  
'cause you don't... you really  
don't know what you're getting.  
It's something that  
all children want,  
is to be loved.  
Is to be wanted.  
So, if you can  
give that to them,  
then everything else  
is second.  
You know why  
Uncle Symon looks younger?  
'Cause he's so laid-back.  
Some of them come  
back, ring you up and say,  
"Hello, Auntie. Hello, Uncle.  
How are you?"

They come and have  
Sunday dinner,  
come and visit us,  
which is good.  
I once  
tried to count,  
and I got up to 65,  
and I stopped.  
Because if you know that you're going to get  
50 people...  
She's like a mother to me.  
She's always been there.  
There was a time where  
I felt like  
I want to give up  
and everything,  
and she kept  
saying to me, like,  
"You have to keep on going. "  
Like, "You have to  
keep on trying. "  
Oh, I get emotional.  
Sorry.  
When I came for the airport  
and that, like,  
my family wasn't at the airport  
to collect me and that,  
so, you know, I just  
had to stay somewhere  
for, like  
a temporary base.  
I was there for, about, I think,  
five to six years?  
I couldn't ask anything better,  
to be honest.  
Yeah, they were really nice,  
you know, yeah, really nice.  
Were you looked after  
at some point?  
My real mother  
died at birth,  
and my dad remarried,  
and my mother  
is the person who made me

the person I am today.  
Because she was always helping  
other young people.  
And she used to always  
say to us,  
"Don't be jealous,  
'cause you've got my love,  
but they've got  
no one to love them. "  
You know?  
As well as fostering,  
Vienetta also works for  
an organization  
that takes homeless young  
people off the streets.  
And what happens to  
the fostering children  
when you're here  
full days?  
Symon and I balance them  
together, we juggle.  
Symon sometimes works late,  
sometimes I rush home.  
He'll do the school run  
in the morning,  
I'll do the school run  
in the afternoon.  
But my job is  
very flexible.  
So, you have an  
incredibly busy life, don't you?  
Very busy.  
Well, we started to feel  
that we were getting  
sort of tense and tight,  
you know,  
and that normally means  
you need a holiday.  
Because we found ourselves  
doing too much.  
So, at some stage,  
you've got to chill out.  
Symon took the family  
to Portugal.

Oh, look at this.

- That's nice.

- That's quite...

- What do you think?

- That's blingy.

That's really nice.

So, Jess is by  
your first marriage,  
and Minnie is your child  
by your marriage.

And the relationship's strong?

They know each other  
from being young.

They did things together,  
went out together.

So, they're not, like,  
strangers.

Before I'm old enough  
to get a job,  
I just walk around and see  
what I can find.

Was going to be  
a film star, but...

Now, I'm going to be  
an electrical engineer...  
which is more to reality,  
really.

By 21, Symon was working  
in the freezer room  
of Wall's Sausages  
in London.

I know I can't  
stay at Wall's forever.

It's just not me.

I couldn't stay there  
for that long.

My mind would go dead.

Do you never feel you should be doing  
better jobs than these?

Aren't you worth  
more than this?

No, I haven't really.

I suppose I just like hard work,  
I don't know.

The factory closed down.  
Since then he has worked near  
Heathrow Airport  
handling freight.  
If I'd pushed myself  
at school,  
probably I could have done  
a lot better.  
Does that give you  
pause for thought?  
No, that means I was a lazy sod  
when I was younger.  
If we'd got together  
when we should have got together  
there's no way he'd have been  
a forklift driver.  
Not where I'm with,  
no way.  
Not with all that brains.  
I've got common sense  
and he's got the brains.  
I am the proof that you need to  
push yourself and go on.  
If you want to get on,  
if you want things in life,  
you have to push yourself  
to keep going.  
I should have been  
an accountant.  
But I went in this office,  
I looked at this gray,  
grubby office,  
and the people there looked  
gray suited and miserable,  
and I thought,  
"This isn't for me. "  
I want to stay out  
in the fresh air.  
I don't want this.  
Years later I realized that  
not every office is like that.  
Some offices are vibrant  
and moving.  
But it was too late then...

I'd already sort of...  
stagnated myself  
driving forklifts  
and working in a warehouse.  
You could have made a lot  
of money being an accountant.  
Yes, he could have.  
She looks after me.  
She doesn't just push me,  
she looks after me.  
You know?  
She would never let anything  
be wrong for me.  
Baked beans.  
At one stage we went to marriage guidance  
because the pressures of being together  
were getting to us,  
because we are two  
completely different people.  
I'm very, um...  
laid back.  
You know,  
she always says,  
if I go any further back,  
I'll fall over.  
Is the chemistry  
still there between you?  
Yeah, I think so.  
I hope so.  
- Yeah.  
- Is it?  
- Yes, darling.  
- All right.  
Yeah, the chemistry's  
still there.  
Yeah.  
We've been saying that,  
what, nearly 20 years?  
- Is that all it is?  
- Yeah.  
Oh, come on, Symon,  
hurry up!  
Catch up!  
Come on,

Jess and Daniel!

Do you think  
you could ever retire  
and ever just  
chill out?

There's people who I've  
noticed, they stop work,  
and they have no other  
interests,  
they suddenly get old.

Yeah, so you're old,  
you've got a few bulges,  
a few wrinkles,  
but life still goes on.

Enjoy life.

So, who won?

I came here first.

I think that was me.

Beautiful.

Did I win and just allow you  
to come...

No, no.

Dad, you was, like,  
the person that comes round on the tractor.

I think I admire people  
with great determination.

You know, like, people who have  
just come up from nothing.

They build up their life  
from absolutely nothing.

Well, do you see some  
parts of life as success  
and some parts a failure,  
or do you not  
think like that?

No, you don't stop life  
because you've made a mistake.

If you go  
down the wrong road  
it doesn't mean that's  
the end of the road.

There's no chance, you have to  
turn round and come back.

- Start again, isn't it?



- Do a u-turn.  
And, to be honest,  
what do you think about  
our life?  
I think it's been  
more ups than downs.  
And hopefully there's  
a lot more ups to come.  
Well, my girlfriend  
is in Africa,  
and I won't...  
I don't think I'll have  
another chance  
of seeing her again.  
You got  
any girlfriends?  
No, no, not yet.  
I'm sure it will come.  
But not yet.  
I mean, I do think a lot of  
people think too much about it.  
I think I would  
very much like to, um,  
become involved in a family,  
my own family, for a start.  
That's a need that I feel  
I ought to fulfill  
and would like to fulfill,  
and would do it well.  
Yes, I haven't got married  
or whatever,  
and I suppose, you know, that  
that would have been  
something which  
I hoped had happened.  
Well, you're getting on  
a bit, are you getting worried?  
Well, not particularly, I mean,  
I'm always optimistic.  
I mean, who knows who  
I might meet tomorrow?  
And, in the middle  
of a conversation  
about something

completely different,  
he just asked if, um,  
if I'd like to  
marry him.

And if I hadn't been  
listening carefully,  
I would have  
missed it completely.

"To love  
and to cherish. "

To love and to cherish.  
"Till death us do part. "

Till death  
us do part.

Don't argue very much.

Not really, I mean,  
we haven't really had  
a sort of  
full-blown row.

Our arguments sort of  
tend to be two sentences  
and I go off and sulk  
for 24 hours.

So, is Bruce  
getting any better  
at expressing his feelings  
to you?

Um... Uh...

Unh...

Not... not really,  
by the sound of that.

We may have children,  
I don't know.

I mean, if in  
seven years' time or so,  
we're living in  
a slightly bigger house  
with a young family,  
that would be nice.

I mean, I don't want to pin all my  
hopes on it and nothing happens.

We are quite old.

I can see bringing up,  
say, teenage children

when you're in your fifties,  
might be a bit strange.  
Go on, then, Henry,  
get on.  
Bruce and Penny have two sons,  
Henry and George.  
I mean, seven years ago,  
you were taking a bit of  
a pasting from them.  
Well, yes, exactly,  
And that's, you know,  
if they sat on me now,  
I wouldn't be able  
to get up again.  
And in the second year,  
I was in the rooms  
at the top of  
that staircase there.  
Bruce and Penny took the boys  
away for a weekend to Oxford,  
to see Bruce's old college  
and to watch their father  
play cricket.  
It's just nice drifting along the river  
without making  
too much noise, you know?  
If you can see  
the old wildlife,  
and so, when you come up  
on it unawares,  
kind of thing.  
Muddy water  
and a spider, ta.  
One of you link up one,  
and one of you...  
I think it's more of  
a father-son thing  
to go along and watch  
and support,  
and we always have lunch, then tea,  
then a barbecue afterwards.  
We're not very good  
at this, are we?  
Ever since Cornwall, there was

to be no more camping.  
My heart's desire  
is to see my daddy,  
who is 6,000 miles away.  
What happened  
between you and your dad?  
I suppose the separation  
and the distance...  
when I was 14,  
I went out to Zimbabwe,  
and then later,  
when he retired to England,  
we felt that it was a lot of  
distance between us  
and ground to make up.  
I think it's going to take  
quite a while.  
The boys are  
still young enough  
for us all three  
to fit into a small tent.  
I suppose it's a bit of "dads and lads,"  
and getting to know each other  
and forming a relationship  
and so on.  
I think you're  
the wrong way.  
Oh, lord, that's not  
going to go in there.  
Okay, boys.  
What's that, then?  
They always come first.  
I mean, we've got  
our work and so on.  
So, we'll do a variety  
of things with them.  
We'll do it later, dear.  
I'm off  
to play cricket.  
Bye-bye.  
Is the forecast  
to rain tonight?  
We're rising on our toes,  
we go sideways.

Commence!

When he was seven,  
Bruce was at boarding school.  
He went on to Oxford,  
where he got  
a maths degree.

You can show that  
this is irreducible.  
Then you do a transformation  
on this polynomial,  
 $X=T+2$

After Oxford, he worked  
in the city for a year,  
then decided to teach.

He taught  
an estate school.

Yes, sir!

General education is  
better for society, I think.

There is  
a class society,  
and I think private schools  
may help its continuance.

At 35,  
Bruce took a sabbatical  
and taught in  
Bangladesh.

The straight line,  
yes, keep going.

At 42, he was  
back in the East End  
as head of the maths department  
at a girls  
comprehensive school.

At 49,  
we found him teaching  
at St Albans,  
an independent school.

In the early days,  
the school was in the abbey,  
going back  
to 948.

948?

Yes, so, the head

quite likes to say  
we're in  
our third millennium, you know.  
So, the school  
is over 1,000 years old?  
Yes, in one form  
or another.  
Now, you have to make "X"  
the subject of this equation.  
You've got to get  
"X" on its own.  
So, what's the first  
thing we do?  
Has it been  
a kind of compromise  
of political principles  
for you, this?  
Well, I would say,  
you know,  
have a million angels  
in front of every teacher  
who's prepared to slog away  
at an inner-city comprehensive.  
Make way, make way,  
this is somebody who is prepared to  
turn up each day  
and do that job.  
Do your old friends give you a hard time  
about what you've done?  
They certainly do,  
they absolutely do.  
They say, oh, you know,  
"Have we joined the Tory party,  
the golf club, the Masons?"  
You know.  
I'm quite happy just being  
an ordinary maths teacher  
for the not many years  
I've got left, actually.  
Um... so, I'm quite happy.  
I'm not ambitious now.  
So, do you enjoy  
watching cricket?  
Mm, I can watch it

for short periods.

But it's a,  
sort of a sport tax  
on Bruce.

He plays cricket,  
I go and shop.

So, is he playing as  
much, Bruce, as he used to?

No.

No, and when he does, he usually  
manages to pull a muscle.

So...

But they lost by about 70 runs,  
and our team lost by about 70 runs.

At the end of the game,  
somebody is nominated  
to wear that ridiculous garment.

I think bringing you lot  
along for the weekend  
had a lot to do with  
me wearing the...

wearing the jacket  
this time.

So, the jacket is not  
an enviable thing to wear?

No, no.

Well, going to Africa,  
and try and teach people  
who are not civilized  
to be more or less good.  
It all springs from, uh...

loving God and Christ,  
I suppose.

Some people  
often will say that  
the bully is upset about  
something in their own lives,  
and so, when they're bullying,  
they're...

I suppose I'm taking them  
to Quakers  
so that they learn  
the Christian stories  
and a lot of what's embedded

in our culture.  
They're good moral tales  
that we should, when they reflect upon,  
you know, they may give them  
a sense of right and wrong  
and so on.  
We like the ethos of  
tolerance and understanding.  
The boys go to  
a local Quaker school  
where Penny teaches.  
Everybody in the school,  
from the youngest 2-1/2 year old  
in the nursery to the headmaster,  
is known by  
their first names,  
and there is no uniform  
and very few  
formal rules.  
Oh, pull up,  
because he'll take...  
Are you ambitious  
for them?  
Yeah, I mean, some people  
work ferociously hard,  
and while that's rewarding  
and they enjoy that  
and they enjoy the success  
and so on,  
you just hope they get a nice  
balance to their lives.  
What are your fears  
for the future  
with the boys?  
That they don't  
fulfill their potential,  
that they're led astray  
in some way...  
drugs or something.  
They end up unhappy,  
with regrets about  
not having done  
as well as they could.  
What a night



we're going to have here!  
Right, if I wake up to find  
anybody clutching my genitals!  
George!  
They're very good company,  
but they will grow apart.  
You know,  
eventually leave home,  
and we won't see them  
so often.  
And in a way,  
I'll miss them dreadfully,  
but that's the natural  
order of things.  
Just think how comfortable Mummy  
is in her bed-and-breakfast.  
But just remember,  
when we're in a tent,  
the Balden family  
are a non-farting family.  
- Thank you, father.  
- Dad, shut up.  
I'm going to work  
in Woolworth's.  
Lynn grew up in  
the East End of London.  
Why am I using a wooden spoon, please,  
to stir this saucepan?  
Well, in a grammar school,  
I don't think you'll find  
many girls that really want to  
do all that hard woodwork.  
At 21, she began a career as  
a children's librarian,  
starting off  
in a mobile library  
in East London.  
I've not stamped yours.  
"Sleeping Beauty. "  
Teaching children  
the beauty of books  
is just fantastic.  
To work with children  
at that age,

you've got to love 'em,  
and I love children.  
Because of cuts  
in the education budget,  
the mobile library  
was shut down.  
At 42, Lynn was working  
at Bethnal Green.  
You can draw,  
better than I can.  
Good morning!  
When we went back at 49,  
she was still there.  
Good morning!  
For the last  
30 years, bang my head  
against a brick wall  
to maintain children's services,  
but this time round,  
no one's listening.  
They say that the work that  
I do, that anybody can do it.  
There would be no specialist  
running it.  
One!  
I may not have a job.  
At that library review,  
I got a job.  
Two years later,  
another review.  
And cutting departments again.  
That time  
I didn't get the job.  
But has it  
been worth it all?  
Yeah, very much.  
All these things  
that I've said  
over the years, flying through  
my mind at the moment,  
but yes,  
it has been worth it.  
Mm.  
And you better cut it, because

otherwise I'm going to cry.  
Fortunately, I was over 50  
and I could draw my pension.  
We decided, we can downsize,  
we'll move out,  
smaller property,  
it's only the two of us  
at home now.  
And we'd be great.  
Then the crash came.  
And then Riley was born.  
And what I thought  
was stress  
was nothing.  
Riley is one of Lynn's  
three grandsons.  
How much did he weigh  
when he was born?  
Two pounds  
and a quarter ounce.  
As soon as he was born,  
they took him straight through  
to the neonatal  
intensive care unit.  
Three! How many you got?  
He was put on  
oxygen, monitors on,  
tubes coming  
out of everywhere.  
And he's absolutely fine,  
thanks to the NICU unit  
at William Harvey Hospital  
in Ashford.  
Mummy's going to work,  
say "Bye-bye, Mummy. "  
Riley has an older brother,  
Connor.  
For the last  
18 months or so,  
I've actually  
had Riley full-time.  
If I could, I would have, um,  
two girls and two boys.  
I've been married a year

and a couple of months.  
You do think,  
"Christ, what have I done?"  
When she was 19,  
she married Russ.  
They had two daughters,  
Sarah and Emma.  
I'm very much  
geared to the family unit.  
I mean, us all,  
we do things  
together all the time.  
At 42,  
the girls were both doing  
very well at school.  
Neither of the girls  
went to university?  
No, no.  
Was that  
disappointing to you?  
No, their choice.  
We discussed it.  
It's what they wanted to do.  
They felt that the academic side  
wasn't for them.  
Sorry.  
So, was the arrival of  
Connor a shock to you?  
No! Well, yeah, but...  
She was 19.  
She's old enough.  
Oh, look, he's coming  
after you, look,  
he's coming over here to see.  
And how is  
old Connor doing?  
He's doing great.  
He's off to his new  
secondary school.  
Keeps telling me he's nearly as tall as me,  
but I keep saying,  
"No, you've got  
a while to go yet. "  
How does

he deal with Riley?  
He loves Riley to bits.  
But Riley is just  
a two-year-old.  
Sarah and Adam have got married  
since we last saw you.  
They have got  
a little boy  
called Harry.  
He's getting on fine.  
Sarah, having just  
had Harry,  
was put in the same boat  
as I was.  
The day before she was due  
to go back to work  
after maternity leave,  
made redundant.  
Yeah, so, there used to  
be a lot more subspecies,  
but for various reasons...  
And she's now trained as  
a child minder.  
She's doing  
absolutely brilliantly.  
And is Emma  
still in the same job?  
- Yeah.  
- Is that going okay?  
I mean,  
with the recession,  
work dropped off  
an awful lot,  
but seems to be  
picking up again now.  
So, Russ took  
early retirement, too,  
so, what's happened  
with him?  
Because of the crash,  
he picked up a job,  
and instead of  
the two part-time jobs,  
he got a full-time job.

So, we are looking at  
a much longer working life  
than perhaps we thought.  
Yeah, for everyone.  
The goalposts keep climbing.  
People that thought  
when they started work  
that they were going to  
retire at 60,  
draw their state pension  
as well,  
it's totally changed.  
They come round  
and mop the floor,  
and then a couple minutes later  
another waitress...  
I'm not politically minded,  
but I still believe  
that they haven't got a clue  
what they're doing.  
Some people are never, ever  
going to recover from it.  
It's unfortunately  
going to be quite  
devastating for them.  
We've no left-wing  
Labour Party anymore.  
Tony Blair saw to that.  
They all veer to the right.  
Didn't know I was  
getting into this!  
Are you all right?  
Yeah, I think so.  
This is unbelievable!  
No, look out.  
Russ is still  
such a great support for me.  
And he is still  
my soulmate.  
You take care, I love you!  
After all this time.  
We've flourished  
together.  
I had an all-white wedding.

All white.  
We were both in white,  
and my bridesmaid was in white.  
37 years.  
Gone extremely quickly.  
We've just grown together.  
We learnt to be friends  
before we had children.  
We established  
a solid foundation  
from which to work from.  
Think of how fit  
it's going to make you.  
So, for you, that's...  
I'm happy with the way  
my life has gone.  
I'm still a governor.  
I'm still Chair of Governors  
at St Xavier's.  
Just been appointed for another  
four-year term of office  
from the London Diocesan  
Board of Schools.  
Must be doing something right.  
Ah!  
I read the Financial Times.  
I read the Observer  
and the Times.  
What do you like about it, John?  
Well, I like... I usually look  
at the headlines  
and then read about them...  
what... about it.  
When I leave this school,  
I'm going to Colet Court,  
and then I will be going  
to Westminster Boarding School  
if I pass the exam.  
And then we think I'm going to  
Cambridge in Trinity Hall.  
John went to Westminster,  
then on to read law  
at Christ Church, Oxford.  
I'm thinking of following

a legal career,  
with a view to ending  
in Parliament.  
Might be at the bar.  
Doing what?  
Perhaps chancery practice.  
I now have a career.  
I'm a barrister.  
Other than that, life chugs  
along in varying degrees.  
Well, in a sense, not very much has changed  
in my career over the last 14 years.  
I'm still a barrister, and I  
still wear a curly white wig.  
The only visible difference,  
I suppose,  
is I wear a silk gown,  
because I'm now a QC.  
So, week after next is ideal,  
except for Monday.  
I do largely litigation.  
I enjoy the work, which is  
intellectually stimulating  
and always interesting.  
I'm blessed with  
an exceptionally nice  
group of people  
in these chambers  
who I really get on with.  
I've been ushers at many  
Members of Chambers' weddings.  
I've been godfather to at least  
three Chambers' children.  
It's a really nice, close set  
of friends here, and that...  
I think I'm very blessed  
in my work environment.  
I'm going to Charterhouse,  
and after that,  
to Trinity Hall, Cambridge.  
Andrew went  
to Charterhouse and Cambridge,  
where he read law.  
I'd like to be



a solicitor  
and also fairly successful.  
At 28, Andrew was  
a solicitor.  
By 35, he'd become  
a partner.  
Later, he joined  
the legal department  
of a large British  
industrial company.  
A few years after,  
they were taken over  
by a German firm.  
There was a bit  
of uncertainty when you get  
two large organizations  
coming together.  
You know, who was going to have  
a job at the end of it?  
Who was going to be made  
redundant?  
I was fortunate enough  
that I still had a job at the end of it,  
and it's worked very well.  
When boys go round with girls,  
they don't pay attention  
to what they're doing.  
For instance, my grandmother had  
an accident because a boyfriend  
was kissing his girlfriend  
in the street.  
By 35,  
John had married Claire,  
the daughter of a former  
ambassador to Bulgaria.  
It is coincidental  
that we met, but it's obvious  
that the Balkan connection was  
a strong mutual interest.  
My  
great-great-grandfather,  
who was the first Prime Minister  
of Bulgaria  
when the country was liberated

from the Turks in 1879.  
Well, I think everyone  
needs to have a feeling  
that they belong somewhere...  
there's a plot of land  
or somewhere  
where they hail from  
and their roots are.  
People who go on about the government  
butchering the National Health Service,  
I think, should come over  
to Bulgaria to see what  
being kept short of necessary  
supplies and funds  
really does mean.  
We're at the Centre  
for the Rehabilitation  
of Disabled Children  
at Dalbok Dol  
near Troyan  
in the Balkan Mountains,  
which our charity in London  
has helped quite a bit.  
We feel we can help in all sorts  
of smaller ways, particularly  
with art classes or pottery  
classes or dancing classes.  
You can revolutionize the life  
of a child  
without actually having to raise  
huge sums of money.  
What do you think about  
girlfriends at your age?  
I've got one, but I don't think  
much of her.  
They're no longer just bores  
who won't play this,  
or something.  
They're over half  
of the community,  
and they're there.  
You can begin to talk to them.  
I don't think I financially  
come from the same background.

Um, Andrew didn't go for  
a haughty deb.  
He went for a good  
Yorkshire lass.  
Does money concern you  
a lot?  
No, I think as long as one has  
enough to be comfortable,  
that's really  
all one should aim for.  
What's  
the most difficult thing  
about keeping the marriage  
together?  
I don't think it is particularly  
difficult, actually.  
We seem to manage all right.  
Would you say?  
I think so.  
We talk, don't we?  
So, how is married life?  
Well, I still love him,  
if that's what you're asking.  
And likewise.  
I think the most important thing  
to us,  
apart from our marriage,  
is our children.  
So we look at them, and we see  
that they seem to be happy  
and getting on well.  
We're pleased to be sitting here  
after however many years  
it is...  
28 years...  
still happily together.  
Andrew and Jane have two sons,  
Alexander and Timothy.  
And you can never be sure  
of leaving your children  
any worldly goods,  
but at least  
you can be sure that,  
once you give them

a good education.  
That's something that no one  
can take away.  
Alexander is now working  
in Canary Wharf  
in the city of London.  
And Timothy has just left  
St Andrews,  
graduated this year,  
and he's going on  
to do a postgraduate degree  
at Durham University.  
I'd quite like  
to go into politics,  
but, I mean,  
that's easier said than done.  
Who knows?  
I haven't written myself off  
as a potential politician,  
even though I'm already 49.  
I always wanted  
to go into politics,  
but whether I'll ever  
do anything about it...  
I'm afraid I'm too old now.  
That's the truth, I mean...  
But it's depressing.  
My two oldest friends are both  
ministers at the moment.  
One I've known since 4,  
one I've known since 5,  
and obviously one can't help  
feeling one's a bit of a failure  
by comparison.  
I think it's more fair  
if they're elected.  
Yes, so do I, but I think  
it's better to be appointed.  
Yes, because it doesn't take  
such a lot of time.  
- It doesn't...  
- Appointed?  
I'm pleased  
that we have a coalition,

because I've always, at heart,  
believed in consensus politics.  
One thing that really does worry me  
is their attempts to solve  
economic stagnation  
at the moment in this country  
by building all over  
the green belt and other areas  
of countryside.

I've no doubt that, whether it's  
five years or ten years,  
this recession is going to be  
over one day,  
but if the countryside is  
ruined, it's ruined forever  
and for our children and our  
children's children and so on.

Andrew and Jane  
live in London,  
but they have a second home  
in the country.

Well, we bought it about  
just when we got married.  
And it was a 200-year-old barn  
that we bought in an auction,  
completely derelict,  
nothing in it at all  
except for manure.

We've been here now  
28 years.

Time has gone by, but the thing has  
obviously got more mature over the years.

So, is it done?

It's never done.

There is always  
the problem of weeds.

As a couple, are you  
concerned by the destruction  
of the environment...

is that something that...

I'm very interested about it,  
and I think what worries me is  
that we have the opportunity now  
to save animals,

flora and fauna  
that will be lost, and we don't know  
what benefit they will be to us.  
I think a lot of people say, "Well,  
global warming is bad," but are they actually  
prepared to do anything  
about it?

The company I work for  
is developing hydrogen-powered  
fuel cells

for cars in the future.  
It's still some way off,  
but I think that's the way  
that cars will go.

There must be times,  
you know, when you look  
and think,  
"Well, I did well with this,"  
or, "I should have done that  
differently. "

Well, I think, when there are  
sort of events in your life,  
like when, for example,  
Timothy graduated recently,  
and we thought,

"Well, that's quite nice. "  
You know, here he is, he's  
at the next stage of his life.  
You know, he's done quite well  
to get there,  
and he seems well balanced.

And that's... it's those sorts  
of things that make you reflect.

When Alexander got his  
first job was very exciting.

Yes, absolutely.

He got the phone call,  
and he screamed  
down the staircase,

"I got the job!"

And a tear came to my eye.

It still does now.

It was such a lovely feeling,  
really.

I've been very fortunate  
that Andrew has provided  
very well for us  
without me having to go to work,  
and I've been able  
to nurture the boys.

But I'm not sure whether,  
looking at the next generation,  
you feel a lot of women  
have to work.

And I admire them for doing it.  
But in some ways, I think maybe  
it would be good to work...  
not necessarily full-time,  
maybe take time off  
until the children  
are at school.

But then you get to my stage,  
and you think,

"Well, it would be nice  
to have something to do. "

I mean, are you grateful  
she made that decision?

Yes, I am, but I can see that  
now maybe she'd enjoy more  
having some sort of career  
at this stage.

Is that doable?

No, I don't think so.

I would say it probably is...  
it's a matter  
of self-confidence.

But obviously in the mid-50s,  
it's a bit more difficult.

I'm not in the mid-50s yet,  
remember.

True.

Does she lack  
self-confidence, do you think?

Um, to a certain extent.

I think she doesn't realize  
how capable she is, really.

I think it's not a bad idea  
to pay for schools,

because if we didn't, schools  
would be so nasty and crowded.

I think that the premise  
on which the program  
was based...

namely, that England,  
that was still in the grips  
of a Dickensian class system...  
was outmoded even in 1964.  
It didn't reflect realities  
in '64.

The hounds are over there,  
I think.

Insofar as the program  
touches me,  
I feel it's a complete fraud.  
It all appeared  
part of some indestructible  
birthright.

What viewers were never told is  
that my father died  
when I was aged 9,  
leaving my mother  
in very uncomfortable  
financial circumstances.  
She had to go out to work  
in order to see us  
through school,  
and that, you know,  
I got a scholarship to Oxford.  
Then the rich children  
always make fun  
of poor children, I think.

- Yes.

Yes, they say,

"Oh, look at that lovely... "

I think the premise of the original film was  
that there was a very strong  
class system at that time,  
and I think that's  
absolutely true.

There is still a class system,  
but I think it's based more  
on financial success.



Well,  
there's an underclass,  
where people can't work.  
It's true, but there are  
extremes at either end.  
And there are very successful  
people, extremely rich,  
and there are people who have  
very poor prospects.  
It's true,  
but it's been ever thus.  
I don't think... I don't think  
that's going to change  
in the future, and it's always  
been like that.  
Last time I appeared  
on the program,  
a very generous film director  
based in San Francisco  
saw the program  
and sent us a large check  
running to many thousands  
of pounds,  
which we were able to do  
a great deal of good with  
in Bulgaria at the time,  
so that was  
a wonderful byproduct  
of the program,  
and perhaps it's slightly  
softened my objections.  
It's not something  
I look forward to  
every seven years,  
appearing in this program.  
I'm always surprised that,  
you know, you appear  
for five or ten minutes  
and anyone remembers your face.  
But apparently they do.  
I'll get you back  
Well, I suppose the only thing for me  
is that I've seen what my  
husband looked like at 7

and 14 and 21,  
before I knew him,  
and then when I had  
my own children,  
I could see which of them looked like  
their father at those stages of life,  
and a lot of women  
just don't have that.  
I think what's undesirable is,  
people who have had options  
don't make advantage of...  
take best advantage of them,  
but I can't see  
there's anything wrong,  
as long as people don't abuse  
the opportunities and privileges  
they've had.  
It's a very nonchalant little  
theme, you know,  
butter wouldn't melt  
in its mouth.  
So take it very quietly,  
and it'll just present itself.  
If one descants, one can be a train driver  
or a major opera singer,  
a concert pianist...  
it would have been nice.  
I mean,  
I was never good enough.  
I'm enjoying my professional  
career very much indeed,  
but, you know, doing something  
for other people  
gives you a satisfaction  
that even  
winning a fantastic case on some  
ludicrous arcane point of law  
won't quite deliver.  
I think the thing where I would  
regard myself most successful  
is that I'm blessed  
with wonderful friends.  
I'm happily married.  
I think I'm an incredibly lucky

person in all sorts of respects.

Is it important to fight?

Yes.

Tony was brought up  
in the East End of London.

When I grow up, yeah, I wanna be  
a jockey when I grow up.

At 14, he was already  
an apprentice  
at Tommy Gosling's racing  
stable at Epsom.

At 15, he'd left school.

This is a photo-finish  
when I rode at Newbury.

I'm the one  
with the white cap.

I was limping off in third  
and I had  
a photo-finish.

Do you regret  
not making it?

I would have given  
my right arm  
at the time  
to become a jockey.

But now...

I wasn't good enough.

My greatest fulfillment  
in life...

when I rode at Kempton in  
the same race as Lester Piggott.

Proudest day of my life.

And you let it go?

I let it go.

What will you do if you  
don't make it as a jockey?

I don't know.

If I knew I couldn't be one,  
I'd get out of it.

I wouldn't bother.

What do you think  
you would do then?

London taxis.

At 21,

he was on the Knowledge,  
and by 28,  
he owned his own cab.  
Surprising who you pick up.  
I once met Kojak,  
I picked him up.  
I'll give you a story  
which happened.  
The doorman called me up,  
and it was Buzz Aldrin,  
the spaceman, and we drove out  
the forecourt of the hotel  
and a cab pulled up,  
and taxi driver said,  
"Can you get his autograph?"  
so I heard him  
and, "Mr. Aldrin," I said, "can  
I have your autograph, please?"  
And the cabbie said, "No, I don't want  
his autograph, I want your autograph. "  
And I couldn't believe it,  
I said, "You're joking,  
ain't ya?"  
And to this day I thought  
to myself, you know,  
I'm more famous than  
Buzz Aldrin.  
He was the second man  
to land on the moon.  
Have you got  
a girlfriend?  
Nope.  
Would you like  
to have a girlfriend?  
Nope.  
You understand the four F's?  
Find them, feel them...  
then forget them.  
For the other f, I'll let you  
use your own discriminish.  
But I mean, this one,  
I try to do the three f's,  
but I couldn't forget her.  
I went to a discotheque.

He was in the pub earlier on.  
And afterwards we went  
to a discotheque  
and Tony was  
standing there.  
And from there I just...  
that was it.  
By 42, Tony and Debbie  
had left the East End  
and moved  
to Widford in Essex.  
At 49, they'd taken out  
a second mortgage  
on their London house  
and put the money  
into a holiday home  
in Spain.  
From here, it's about  
200 yards long.  
It's going to be all  
commercial units here.  
My intentions will be to turn  
one of these units  
into a sports bar.  
We're putting all tellies around  
in a sports sort of way.  
Football shirts and all that  
memorabilia.  
Aldi come along and built  
a brand-new supermarket there.  
So all my aspirations and dreams  
went out the window.  
But, Michael,  
that used to be my bank.  
And that's been closed now  
for about 18 months.  
As you probably understand,  
there is a world recession,  
and they were affected  
like everybody else.  
My character seems to have  
slowed down while I'm out here.  
And the pace is different.  
And everything's

slower here.  
You know, just go to the beach.  
Everyone sort of mingles in  
and it's lovely.  
Our jobs are to make it  
accessible,  
where we can come four hours  
door to door,  
from Spain back to England.  
We can work three weeks,  
a commitment of getting  
our money  
and still, you know, having  
a life out here.  
It's a bit quiet, though,  
for you two, isn't it?  
Yeah, but then you got  
your bingo.  
It's not quiet  
when we get here.  
There's only one ambition,  
really.  
I want a baby son.  
If I see my baby son,  
then my ambition's fulfilled.  
No one knows that.  
Only you now.  
Debbie and Tony  
have three children...  
Nicky, Jodie, and Perry.  
Nicky, as you know,  
he was a French polisher,  
which is a dying trade  
in England.  
So we funded him,  
me and Debbie, on the Knowledge.  
- Cheers, everyone.  
- Cheers.  
We got him the bike.  
We got him the runs.  
We paid his tutoring.  
And I couldn't ask for more,  
to be more proud  
when he got his badge.

It was a gift from God  
for what happened.  
I'm very proud  
of Perry as well.  
She got in the post office,  
and that's what she's doing.  
Postman Pell,  
that's our Postman Pell.  
She's got  
a lovely boyfriend  
and he's certainly got  
my blessing.  
Big lad, very nice guy.  
Loves his football, you know.  
Typical East End kid.  
You're not lazy.  
Far from it.  
But I just think it's easier...  
No, you pays to get  
your own done,  
like you still do today...  
you always have paid.  
So how is it, all of you  
in the house together?  
Yeah, it's all right.  
She's only here  
because she's pregnant  
and she doesn't carry  
too well.  
Sometimes she gets  
on my nerves.  
Sometimes they all get  
on my nerves.  
Sometimes I get  
on their nerves.  
It's just what happens.  
- Well done!  
- The ironing board give way.  
Well done!  
Jodie, I mean,  
at this present time,  
she just relies on us  
a great deal.  
And...

She's been very scarred with a relationship that she was in.

A relationship with her first love of her own life was... very terminal, but he's the father of her kid.

Jodie has a daughter, Toni. Toni, as you appreciate, she's living with us.

My daughter Jodie, she's at this present time having emotional problems and various other problems.

And most of all, I've got to make sure my Toni grows up with a safe environment.

Once her mother does get better, I will certainly

bond them back, and hopefully, which we pray,

they'll become mother and daughter

and everything will be fine after that.

She's growing up at an alarming rate.

When she's with any one of her friends, I'll go to her and say, "Toni, no, no. "

"Stop it, Grandad!

You're embarrassing me!"

And I have to sort of pull the reins in for me.

How is the cabbage going?

We had an influx of Arabs come for Ramadan.

Without them and the injection of wealth, I think the cabs line would have sunk.

- It's been so bad out there.

- It's very hard.



The ratio before was about  
10 cabs to 7 jobs.  
When the Arabs come, it was  
about 10 cabs to 9 jobs.  
When they go away  
and the recession came,  
it's 10 cabs to 2 jobs.  
I feel that the economy will  
bust within five years.  
Because people like myself  
have been giving and giving  
all the time.  
We're paying.  
Now, someone's getting it  
at our expense.  
How did you prophesy what  
was going to happen  
in this last program?  
You seemed to know that the  
economy was going to go bust.  
I feel the Labour government  
has got a lot to answer for.  
Draining the system dry.  
Giving out aid to all  
the countries around the world.  
Hemorrhaging money  
through your war effort.  
Giving money to the banks  
and no regulation on the banks.  
You can see the "drip, drip, drip" situation  
at the end of the tap.  
And by the time there's no water  
left in the tank,  
they want us  
to put it all back in.  
Sometimes on Saturday  
morning, I go to the pictures.  
Sometimes with my friends,  
sometimes with him.  
You don't.  
I do!  
She don't.  
And why did you fall  
in love with him?

Dunno.  
I don't know now.  
You bothered me for so long.  
Sometimes I don't know  
how I stand him.  
He was just saying,  
another 10 years,  
me and him might have split up.  
Quite possible.  
You don't know.  
I'm not proud at all  
to say this, but...  
Situations arise that...  
I have had regretful behavior  
various times, but...  
You got caught,  
and that was it.  
You must appreciate,  
32 years  
is a long time I've been  
married.  
And most of all,  
I've got a...  
an open characteristic way  
about me.  
And sometimes it has got me  
into trouble,  
which has been  
well documented before.  
I owe Debbie everything because,  
good or bad,  
high or low,  
rain or shine,  
she stuck by me.  
And then...  
At the end of it...  
I still love her so.  
And that's the reason why.  
And that will always be  
the reason why.  
Were the kids angry  
with you?  
Yeah.  
Yes, they were angry

with me and...

The situation was, it was  
an hard pill to swallow.

Because the kids are  
my life.

Nicky, Jodie, Perry.

Uh...

The grandchildren.

I draw a circle...

they're all mine,

and I'm lucky...

I'm very, very lucky, Michael.

Michael, up there's my old flat

I used to live in.

I lived up there for 28 years.

For me, it's so small

around here now.

I mean, I come back, and

the memories I've got in here

is unbelievable.

Would everybody please

sit round now

and get on with their work?

I don't want to see any backs

to me.

Shouldn't be anybody

turning round.

Tony,

do you hear as well?

I want your work in front.

Tony! Don't turn round again.

As you can see, Michael, the

Bethnal Green I knew as a kid

growing up, now it's changed

quite dramatically.

Not one East Ender,

Cockney person like myself,

or anyone in the East End,

ever had a say in immigration.

No one had a say of

the popularization,

as far as was there too many,

was there too less?

Listening to you,

sometimes you sound racist.

Racist?

Wait a minute...

you talk about Asians,  
you talk about Japanese,  
and yet here in Spain  
you seem to really work to  
integrate into the community.

Well, Michael,  
with respect to you,  
that word "racist" covers leaps  
and bounds of characteristics.

I've never been racist  
in a million years.

In a million years... I love  
people, I'm a people lover.

And I think that, with respect  
to you, is over the top.

Michael, this is the food  
and veg shop.

When I was 7 years old,  
I had my first wage in there.  
10 bob a week.

This here was a pub.

This is where the dray horses  
used to deliver the beer.

I used to run in and get them  
my apples

and I used to feed them.

And when I was so small,  
they were mammoth.

That's where I got  
my love for horses from.

4.5, 50s; 4.5, 50s.

If your father gambles, you  
always look how he gambles.

I'll try my luck  
and see what it does.

And I took it from there.

This is the pub and area  
where my dad used to meet.

And what they used to do,  
get an orange box

with three cards on it,

a queen and two fours,  
and what they'd do is called "Find the Lady,"  
a three-card trick.  
And consequently they'd just  
sort of take the money  
off of all  
the general public.  
He used to go in the nick  
once a week at least.  
And the firm used to  
take their money out, pay the fine,  
and he was back out on  
the street  
to do his  
sort of devily ways.  
I've come back here again  
and it's  
really a travesty  
what's happened here.  
I mean, it makes you  
feel like crying.  
For me, it's quite sad,  
you know, but I mean, if that's  
what they call progress,  
well, so be it.  
Where are we now,  
Tony?  
I'm back at  
the old dog track.  
We're at  
the Olympic stadium, Michael.  
This is where the old dog track  
used to be, on this site.  
I'm here today and I cannot  
believe the transformation.  
It's a dream.  
It's just spectacular.  
And the torch  
from these games  
shall be now passed  
to the East End  
for a new generation  
to come through.  
Wheeee!

At the end of their very  
special day in London,  
after their trip to the zoo  
and the party,  
we took our children  
to an adventure playground,  
where they could do  
just what they liked.  
Those from the children's home  
set about building a house.  
There's Nicholas.  
And Tony.  
Andrew.  
John.  
And Bruce.  
Suzy.  
Jackie and her friends.  
Give me a child  
until he is 7,  
and I will  
give you the man.  
This has been a glimpse  
of Britain's future.