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The SUNDAYS

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1 Skin & Bones

You know how I been wandering
you know how all the way home
why then the world will see
and the bottom and the nethers by far

And you know how and it's so good
hey but I'm lonesome
it's not quite my style
uh I can vanity
wasted my time it's so high

And you see me in a cardigan
in a dress dress dress that I've been sick on
oh hell I you can't say I really care at the end of it all

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Back to the only something about
inside a we're just flesh & blood
and well now just one thing I've found
I found that we're just flesh & blood

And you know how I been wandering
you know how all the way home
when in the world will see
and the bottom and the nethers by far

Uh how are you?
I shan't say I really care at the end of it all

Back to the only something about
inside a we're just flesh & blood
and well now there's one thing I've found
I found that we're just skin & bones

Back to the old there's something about
inside a we're just flesh & bl1xd
and your nothing much more|where's something
just something I've found
it's that we're just flesh & blood
and your nothing much more oh no oh

What did I do wrong?
oh no oh
what did I do wrong?

Well individual doubts just one thing I've found
your just flesh & blood nothing much more oh
something just something I've found it's skin & bones yeah

2 Here's Where The Story Ends

People I know
places I go
make me feel tongue tied

And I can see how
people look down
they're on the inside

Here's where the story ends

People I see
weary at me
showing my good side

And I can see how
people look down
I'm on the outside

Here's where the story ends
uh here's where the story ends

It's that little souvenir
of a terrible year
which makes my eyes feel sore
oh I never should have said
"The books that you read
were all I loved you for"

It's that little souvenir
of a terrible year
which makes me wonder why
and it's the memories of your shed
that make me turn red
surprise surprise surprise

Places I know
places I go
make me feel so tired

And I can see how
people look down
I'm on the outside

Here's where the story ends
ooh here's where the story ends

It's that little souvenir
of a terrible year
which makes my eyes feel sore
and whoever would have thought
the books that you brought
were all I loved you for

Oh the devil in me said
"Go down to the shed"
I know where I belong
but the only thing I ever really wanted to say
was wrong was wrong was wrong

It's that little souvenir
of a colourful year
which makes me smile inside
so I cynically cynically say
"Well it's that way surprise surprise surprise surprise surprise"

Here's where the story ends
ooh here's where the story ends

3 Can't Be Sure

Give me a story and get me a bed
give me possesions
oh love like in money they go to my head like wildfire

And it's good to have something to live for you'll find
live for tomorrow
live for a job in the pub back behind high time

Ohah

England my country the home of the free
such miserable weather
but England's as happy as England can be
why cry?

And did you know desire's a terrible thing?
the worst that I can find
and did you know desire's a terrible thing?
but I rely on mine

Ohah

England my country the home of the free
such miserable weather
but England's as happy as England can be
why cry?

And did you know desire's a terrible thing?
the worst that I can find
and did you know desire's a terrible thing?
but I rely on mine

Did you know desire's a terrible thing?
it makes the world go blind
but if desire desire's a terrible thing
you know that I really don't mind

Uh it's my life
and it's my life
and though I can't be sure we'll do it anymore
it will come to me later

Uh it's my life
and it's my life
and though I can't be sure it won't anymore
it will come to me later

yeah-ah-ah

4 I Won

Uh let me take a candle to the cellar tonight
and I'd like to take some matches then and set it alight
I can
but I've seen those kind of places before

Uh like to have a party in a cellar tonight
and I'd love to have a party but it wouldn't be right
I shan't
but I've seen those kind of people before

I won the war in the sitting room
I won the war but it cost me
I won the war and I feel proud
but I don't know why it's hard to get to sleep in my house

Uh I have to pull the blankets up to cover my head
and I have to pull the blankets right up
but I don't know why it's hard to get to sleep in my house

Uh you keep following the feel of fire
it's not difficult to see that you're young and selfish
liberty and money don't go don't

Let me take a candle to the cellar tonight
yeah you should see the bottles we've had before
give me the time give me the time
give me Westwood give me whatever you like

I won the war in the sitting room
I won the war but it cost me
I won the war and I feel proud
but god only knows why it's hard to get to sleep in my house

Ooh you see me singing and smile
ooh you see me singing so ho ho

Well you keep following the feel of fire
it's not difficult to see that you're beautiful and young
and critical of nothing ah

You keep following the feel of fire
it's not difficult to see that you're beautiful and young
liberty and money don't go

5 Hideous Towns

Don't ask me why
don't ask me why
I'll join the army
the Salvation Army
but it didn't help

Don't ask me why
but don't ask me why
I'll join the army
but it took me barmey
and it didn't help

Ooh hideous towns make me throw ... up

Don't ask me why
don't ask me why
I went into service
with the civil service
but it didn't help

Don't ask me why
a don't ask me why
I went into service
but it made me nervous
and it didn't help

Ooh hideous towns make me throw ... up

Ooh sticks and stones may break my bones
words would just finish me off
you're near enough

Aha my hopeless sleep then say one please
and oh I'd I'd like to be in history
I said oh in my that hopeless sleep just say one please
and there you go and now you know
but just please don't

Don't ask me why
don't ask me why
I went to the circus
Piccadily circus
it was very strange

Don't ask me why
cause I don't know why
never went to Rome
we took the first bus home
and I haven't changed

Ooh hideous towns make me throw ... up

And all the sticks and stones may break my bones
words would just finish me off
you're near enough

Yes they do said
oh my hopeless sleep then say one please
and oh and I'd I'd like to be in history
said oh in my that hopeless sleep just say one please
so there you go and now you know
but just please don't please please please said
oh you're my and hopeless sleep
just so damn ah oh you're my
hopeless sleep it's really very young
just really very young

6 You're Not the Only One I Know

Where's the harm in voicing a doubt?
you'll find me in the lavatory
and where is the harm in talking out loud
when I'm on my own?

What's so wrong with reading my stars
when I'll be in the lavatory?
And what is so wrong with counting the cars
when I'm all alone?

You're not the only one that I know
and I'm too proud to talk to you anyway
you're not the only one that I know
and I'm far too proud to talk to you anyday

So I say "I'm in love with the world"
and what is so wrong with voicing a doubt
when I'm on my own?
It's perfectly fine to sleep in a chair
from Monday till Saturday
and what is so wrong with talking out loud
when I'm all alone?

You're not the only one that I know
and I'm too proud to talk to you anyway
you you're not the only one that I know
and I'm far too proud to talk to you anyday

So he rolled out west to the seaside
and he glady decided to stay
after two hours wandering outside
ooh the sea oh driv him away ohahah

You're not the only one that I know
and I'm too proud to talk to you anyway
you you're not the only one that I know
and I'm far too proud to talk to you anyday

You you're not the only one
and I'm far too proud you're so
you're young but I know I know I know I know
I'm far too proud to talk to you when you do
and if you do don't you know that I don't mind oh
no no

7 A Certain Someone

Live your life
have your say
read your stars
day by day

If I could have anything in the world for free
I wouldn't share it with anyone else but me
oh live your life
go your way
and I said "Oh no"

Live your life
stake your claim
wash your clothes
change your name
ooh and I said "Oh no no"

If I could have anything in the world for free
I wouldn't share it with anyone else but me
ooh ha-ahah

You're too twisted for help
oh it's funny enough

Sound of your life
build a home
and fill it full of flowers
and a bottle of old cologne

Yeah if I could have anything in the world for free
I wouldn't share it with anyone else but me
oh except perhaps a certain someone
oh except perhaps a certain someone

Ooh ha-ahah

Except perhaps a certain someone
except perhaps a certain someone
except perhaps a certain someone
just to be sure of another way out

You're too twisted for help
oh it's funny enough

I'll be careful living in a block of flats
and I'd never take the lift to the top
never never take the lift to the top

Oh you're too twisted for help
ah oh oh it's funny enough
oh your too twisted for help
looking fine
oh it's funny enough

Take a swim around
take a look down
oh you'll never believe what we found
we figured it out
we figured it out
we lived in a house
given time ooh

8 I Kicked A Boy

When the weather's fine
when it's sunny outside
think about the time
I kicked a boy till he cried
mm I could have been wrong
but I don't think I was
he's such a child

When I am alone
I remember so well
how I mellow you
I tripped a boy so he fell
mm I could have been wrong
but I don't think I was
he's totally wild

And I've been wondering lately just who's gonna
save me
Ahahahahahah

Now I have a cold
and no story to tell
I mellow you
but I'm so unwell
and oh I could have been wrong
but I don't think I was
he's totally wild

And I've been wondering lately just who's gonna
save me
you just should have been white
oh hysterical child
where'd you learn to do that?

9 My Finest Hour

And the world it shows me up
and my clothes they show me up
I never knew this before
the finest hour I've ever known
was finding a Pound on the Underground

And my words came stumbling out
and then I went tumbling out
I've never been hit before
and the finest hour I've ever known
was finding a Pound on the Underground

And I keep hoping you are the same as me
and I send you letters and a come to your house for tea
we are who we are what do the others know?
mm but poetry is not for me
so show me the way to go ho

And the words came stumbling out of my mouth
and I went tumbling out here no no no no

But I keep hoping you are the same as me
and I send you letters and a come to your house for tea
we are who we are what do the others know?
but poetry is not for me
so show me the way to go uh I'm going home

But I'll keep hoping you are the only one
yes and I send you letters and a wouldn't it be such fun?
oh we are who we are whatever the others say
but poetry is not for me
and much as I'd like to stay oh I just want to go home

Your your your too young
should have been your your your too young
it should have been you too you too your too young
it should have been you you your too young
it should have been safe oh safe oh grab the chair
then and sit down uh
your your your too young

10 Joy

A lone rage is so old as war drown
a lone rage is so old as bad dog
uh you saw him
and a you can hardly know
as times change
I know

And some days he's more than humble
yeah and some days he's cold and mad mad as hell
uh you saw him
and you can hardly know
it's so strange
the weather
I know

Now it's late and cold in war town
and now it's late and cold we're all running out
uh well you saw him
and a you can hardly know
it's so strange
the weather
I know

Joy enjoy enjoy the work work and work harder
show us who you ask
joy enjoy enjoy the work work and work harder
show us who we ask
joy enjoy enjoy the work work and work harder
you say "Um"