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# SINGING BOY

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## UNIT 1. Singing Boy

*(Saturday Morning)*

*Enter Singing Boy, a small mixed race teenager, with acne and sporting a back pack. He sits.*

**Singing Boy** My mum's house really...No, I consider my place as a home as well, here as well...but still feel a bit...maybe because I'm NEW I still feel a bit...you know I don't, I still feel, I don't feel this is my home YET.

Well, *(pause)*, well *(smiling)* what lead me to living here at Target is basically I got kicked out of home when I was 17 I didn't want to go back. So they put me in a hostel and then from there step by step, eventually step by step...I was sent here, they 'referred' me here.

Ah, no. Because I'm very to m... I keep myself to myself. Because there are a lot of people in this building and you don't even want to mess about with... There's people in this building that do drugs and all sorts. I'm a person who wants to keep well, WELL away from that. I

keep my head down, because I don't want anyone to think I'm either giving them a dirty look. What I've seen in this building is that people get very *[clicks fingers]* aggravated so I want to avoid that and that's why I always mind my own business.

I've had problems with my mum for quite a while. And not just because of my mum, I mean mum played parts obviously, but I'm not saying here that I was an angel cos obviously I'm not... and her boyfriend as we'll was getting involved... that man...But I remember the exact day that I left: it was the 8th of January at 7PM. What I left, well I didn't leave, I got kicked out, and the police got involved but the police told me that, 'if your mum wants you to leave have to leave'. Even though I'm 17.

Well my mum used to hit me before but not now. But shouting, swearing at me obviously.

And there was even a point my mum said to me, she said to me, 'I wish I aborted you'. *(Pause)*

And from that day on I said Ok, *(Pause)* I'm going to stop trying to give a damn, I'm going to stop, trying to every time do things for people. Because I'm going to just do me.

What now? My days I wake up in the morning, I feel absolutely great. I get to do what I want, every moment I go to college. I sing I get do

this/it's part of my course. I sing, I dance, I act... I do everything. You want me to sing something now? Do you know Beyonce? Yeah I'll sing Beyonce.

SONG | HALO

*Remember those walls I built?  
Well, baby they're tumbling down  
And they didn't even put up a fight  
They didn't even make a sound  
I found a way to let you in  
But, I never really had a doubt  
Standing in the light of your halo  
I got my angel now*

*It's like I've been awakened  
Every rule I had you breakin'  
It's the risk that I'm taking  
I ain't never gonna shut you out!*

*Everywhere I'm looking now  
I'm surrounded by your embrace  
Standing in the light of your halo  
You know you're my saving grace  
You're everything I need and more  
It's written all over your face  
Baby, I can see your halo  
Pray it won't fade away*

*I can feel your halo, halo, halo  
I can see your halo, halo, halo*

*I can feel your halo, halo, halo  
I can see your halo, halo...*

Thanks. well what keeps me very motivated is the fact that every song I pick, Every song I sing has to have meaning behind it and I feel that with every song I sing I'm here for a purpose, I'm here for a reason, to show the world... I was born. When I was at school, a all boys school.

I went to an all boys school and it was not the easiest thing to get up on that stage and sing and not have people laugh at you. Or to say you're gay because you're singing or you're gay because you're singing a female song... And plus the way my voice sounds I felt every day I walked through those gates, I could have died.

The first time I fell in love, you can ask me that.

*Silence.*

I will tell you now...One thing, the only thing that I missed is that I have this one issue now in my sexuality...right now I don't know... where I'm going. I'm not sure what I like. I haven't told my family and I'm not planning to right now. Not at the moment I don't think... but that's one thing actually to tell you, I don't know. I'm...

I'm still struggling with that.

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**Young Mum**

It didn't feel like a burden to me because I'd already prepared myself like, I know I'm not gonna sleep for like months... but then he started sleeping much earlier than I thought, he's a good boy yeah, I was alright, I was lucky.

**Asian Young Mum**

So well what happened, I was on a day out, I was telling my parents I'm going work (*laughs*) and...got on the bus, met the father...on the bus... what a crazy meeting...he was already drunk and we just got talking and we just clicked and to me that lifestyle it was just like- wow! Cause my parents are from Bangladesh I wasn't allowed out. So the thing about my father is, it's never enough. He even sent me Bangladesh so I missed year 11. It's always like you gotta do more, you gotta cover more. So that was the first time I met someone, who's... you know doing their own thing, it was just like wow to me then he was like yeah, try a bit, tried it, loved the drink.  
(*laughs*)

I never been west end until I met him, took me there and it was just a new life to me and it was like.. woah...so, we just went out and just seen the lights and everything... (*laughs*)  
Oh, yeah I think I've got one. (*Gets photo from purse*)

Yeah I was madly in love and I just wanted to be with him, I used to go and see him in prison um... obviously my father didn't know anything about him in prison but...

SONG | *Florence and the Machine – Sweet Nothing*

**Asian Young Mum**

*You took my heart and you held it in your mouth*

**Young Mum**

*And, with the word all my love came rushing out*

**Young Mum**

and it's funny cause I actually met him on the bus and um...and then I saw him in college and I was like 'oh hi!' and (*Laughs*)

we've been together about 4 years now. He's been around much more than I expected like, he's really good with him.

**Young Mum** *And every whisper is the worst*

**Asian Young Mum** *Emptied out by a single word*

*There is a hollow in me now*

*Jade joins in with Beat Box*

**Asian Young Mum** There was a few issues um, domestic violence and stuff like that which got a bit out of hand... I think there was an incident outside where he did hit me in a DLR station and then he headbutted me and stuff and the police got involved and, this has happened several times before but I just never put a statement through and then at the time I just thought enough's enough...

[ CHORUS ]

**Young Mum** *So I put my faith in something unknown,*

**Asian Young Mum** *I've been living on such sweet nothing,*

**Young Mum** *But I'm trying to hope with nothing to hold,*

**Asian Young Mum** *I've been living on such sweet nothing.*

**Young Mum** *And it's hard to learn,*

**Asian Young Mum** *And it's hard to love,*

**Both** *When you're giving me such sweet nothing,*

*Sweet nothing,*

*Sweet nothing,*

*You're giving me such sweet nothing.*

**Asian Young Mum** The first miscarriage I had was due to domestic violence so to me it was, I felt as though something was taken from me so I always wanted a baby since.

I do allow him to come here yeah, but I will have to, because of her I'll always see him, that's, that's one good thing about Target, the security... umm... but he does come down, if he does come down, if I know he's drunk I wouldn't let him near me.

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# BULLET BOY



## Bullet

After jail, I got shot outside my house on the doorstep. Man got shot outside my house, on my birthday, my mum was all running out with her shoes off everything- crazy.

I knew it went in but I knew it wasn't in, do you know what I am trying to say cause I was still able to move apart from the blood so it's just when your life flashes before you makes you, like, you can literally see everything in the space of 3 seconds and you are thinking about your family and that but you are still trying to find your route and get away at the same time. It's like triple tasking in your head. It's crazy. I got away from him. He was still shooting after me. I was lucky really. Cos I was point blank around the vehicle he's just aiming at me. Your eyes, when your eyes intertwine with someone else's, they lock and you know that person. He set out with an agenda, it was to kill not to hit to injure it was proper murder he wanted to do. His persistence told me he did want to murder me cos he let off like four shots so it weren't just like, it weren't just like he came to have fun. It was broad day, it was like 2pm it wasn't night time so like.

## SONG | Bullet

*\_ Something you don't Ever want to Happen to you  
\_ \_ you don't Ever want to Happen to you  
\_ \_ bein' Shot's not Fun man  
\_ What ever Predicament you're in*

*\_ All your bullets can Come for me \_ \_  
\_ no Bullet can Conquer me \_ ey*

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\_ no Bullet can Conquer me \_ ey*

*\_ dunnoO, I used to Think i was inVincible*

*inniT, so when i Got shot, it Changed me inniT, made me  
Feel, ..... \_ dunnoO, I'm a Victim  
inniT, different From bein' a Suspect inniT,*

*- - - - then you*

*Think, rhass, \_ today I Really could've Passed, as you  
Bleed fast, But adrenaLine hides diSasters, and  
Time paSSes like the Bullets from 'em Bastards,  
\_ basTards put a Bullet through my Rass \_*

*\_ basTards put a Bullet through my Rass \_  
\_ imagine If that same Bullet hit my Marge \_  
\_ I could Cuss the same Me from the Past \_  
\_ bowlin' Past in my Superhuman Stance, like*

*Baby Cham - Ghetto Story*

*\_ we get di Ting done \_ dem outta Luck now*

*\_ mi squeeze Seven and the Whole a dem a Duck now*

*\_ wi have whole Heap a extra Clip cau we nuh Bruk now*

**Ensemble**

*\_ Rah \_ Rah \_ Rah \_ Rah*

**Bullet**

It's just that it's hard the way of life is just weird for me I don't know I just think that life's not fair innit. Sometimes I just wish it's better that we weren't here, or better that I weren't here. cos then I wouldn't have problems to deal with.

*Bullet exits*



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Tattoo Boy

It's the culture. It's the culture of the area, it's the... its... people... I dunno, just making up their own rules yeah d'you know what I mean, just thinking they can do I dunno, it's just the culture, the culture the life in London and that, d'you know what I mean? It's just the way it is.

Round this area, I ain't racist or anything but this is mainly like, a black person's area, where I'm white and I don't dress with all the fucking tracksuits and trousers past my asshole and that, I don't get pulled over d'you know what I mean? Yeah. Cause the black people stereotype their self anyway, so, they've only got their self to blame.

They say we're the minority, but did you read on the news yesterday, the majority are now the minority.

In London, all together, white people are the minority. White, English people are minority.

Africans are the majority and then Caribbeans then Asians.

Because you see um... Polish shops, Jamaican shops, dadadada, but then if you see like an English shop or something, someone will blatantly come out with oh that's racist. You know that you know how it works cause for instance you go to Poland, you go to China, you go to India... you'll never see a, a church of England there or anything, you'll never see a shop saying, oh, only English shop and that, I'm not saying that only English people or Polish shops that are here only Polish people are allowed in them but they don't have just like, an English shop will have food for every other country that's why you don't even really need to leave London to travel the world and that, you see it all, it's multicultural, but, the problem is, it's out of control now d'you know what I mean like you...

Nowadays, you have to keep your own... you have to keep the history of the country going d'you know what I mean? Within a hundred years time this country won't even have history d'you know what I mean if you think from all over the world it'll be there won't be one English person, I don't reckon, in about 100 years. They'll all have some other different ethnic minority or background. Like you know I'm saying, no matter, everyone who's come to this country, yeah, like all different foreign people you go back to any one of them foreign countries and I



guarantee you they still have their native people there sort of thing you know what I mean.

My girlfriend's not English, she's Turkish. Doesn't bother me.

*(pause)* doesn't bother me at all but I'm just saying enough's enough like because for instance, if you go to them other countries you won't see none of our shit in their country and even in, even though this is England you'll never see English stuff in this country d'you understand what I'm saying. Like I went Wilkinson the other day and the only flags they sell are Pakistani and Nigeria. In the English shop, Wilkinson and where the fuck is the English flag then... oh yeah and Polish flag they sold, I'm like, just because they're white don't mean they're English d'you know what I mean, they're fucking Polish man.

And like everyone who's not English like, they're just rinsing the country, bleeding it dry and when someone English just tries bleeding the country dry cause they're actually suffering because all these foreigners are bleeding their country dry, they get in trouble and they get fucked right up.

*Young Mum enters*

**Young Mum** *(To interviewer)* Alright? I can show you my flat now? *(To Tattoo Boy)* Alright babe? *(No reaction from Tattoo Boy)*

I come back?

**Tattoo Boy** England just gets the piss taken out of it d'you know what I mean? That's all it is it's piss takers country. D'you know what I mean? Bunch of mugs like.

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