

BRUCE SOORD  
"Ghosts in the Park"

01 CONCEPCION

Mother, it's me. Do you remember pushing out to sea with me? Mother, it's me. Do you remember this hand in yours? It's yours. Shipwrecks in the harbour. Surrender to the sea. With the longest wave goodbye. Mother, it's me do you remember?

02 PILLARS

What would you have her do? Sit on a pillar for 37 years? (perhaps 38?) What would you have her do? Just to earn your love? And oh this house is not in order. The haunted lie wherever you go. And god knows what they're saying. To stem the bleeding? Oh lord only knows. So what would you have her do? Kneel down on her hands with her iron chains? So what would be enough for you? To settle the score with God? And oh this house is not in order. The haunted lie wherever you go. With door to door fighting. There can be no hiding. You better believe it. Oh a mother should know. But god knows what she's doing. To stem the bleeding? Oh lord only knows.

03 MEET ME ON THE DOWNS

Approaching the house. The stillness in the car. The lock and the key. Opens into something...

Another time scattered amongst the clothes. Scattered amongst the photographs. A lifetime scattered amongst the clothes. Scattered amongst the photographs. Everything returns to entropy.

//Memento Mori.

Closing the door, leaving me alone, in my cage. Building the towers and knocking them down. The noise. The one legged black bird hopping. Hopping out. Southampton stairwells. The echoes. The smell. The droplets across the window of that old car. The roar of aircraft from my bed that night. Grandad, so sick, I wasn't allowed to speak. Holding my hand, the trains at Hampden Park. Cigar smoke. Meet me on the downs.

04 KEPT ME THINKING

Kept me thinking. What I didn't do. What I couldn't do. What I needed to do. What I didn't do. What I couldn't do. What I failed to do. And they told me. You were watching. Scrutiny at the limit a human can bare. Conversations as limitless as they were one sided. As limitless as they were one sided.

(just so you know) I should have known it was hopeless to ferry the dark from corner to corner I should have known it was hopeless ferried in, in fear to sit with the fearful like you.

And yeah I know there is calmness now. No more conversations. Just so you know. There is calmness. No more explanations from you. Just so you know.

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05 DAY OF WRATH

I will never let this happen to you while I'm alive.  
Not while I'm alive. You should not be done for. Before you've had  
the chance to live the rest of your life.

You should not be done for.

06 OUR PREDICAMENT

We always knew we'd find ourselves in this predicament.  
Oh how you joked about it. That memory, the only living trace of what  
you meant to me. Here's to when it all hung in the balance. Here's  
to when it all hung in the air.

For now I will lie with you.

07 STARED DOWN

Images as distant as this broken memory. Horizons blurred  
now. Stared down for hours. Walking for what seemed like the extent  
of my youth. That one hill, its majesty. Soaring in the sky. There  
was a storm preparing itself for war. And then I saw you holding  
the charge. And handing it to me. Oh where did you go?  
You left me in debt I can never repay.

08 YOU MADE A PROMISE

How many days have you left me here? How many times did  
you say I couldn't recognise your face? You made a promise. You would  
look after me. Is it now a lie?

Even though they took all of this away. I still know your  
name. Even though they took so much away. I still know your name.

09 GHOSTS IN THE PARK

Sitting alone with a fate that's had its way with you.  
And all the people passing by. Ghosts in the park through the heart  
of you.

And they come. One by one. Oh how they toy with you.  
You're reaching out. With that they're gone. A pillar of mist.  
Assembled through all time. Caresses your face. And all the people  
have passed by. The ghosts in the park take their place.  
You see the light with the dark. How it toys with you. They are  
reaching out. And with that you're gone. That day when the penny  
dropped. You're eyes grew so wide as the penny dropped.

One by one by one by one. They fall.. Remember the rain  
racing on the glass. As you drove that old grey car? And remember  
those walks we had? Remember those walks. One by one by one by one.

Take heart. We are all here. Together and so alone. On  
this long walk. You remember now? The long walk. Awoke with the  
morning light. You held my hand so tight. As I reached up I saw you.  
I reached up as I saw you. Then the rain came crashing down. In  
the sunlight. I saw you. In the sunlight.

I still see you.