

## Up the Pool

Ian Anderson

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to taste my mum's jam sarnies and see our Aunty Flo.  
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Mister Universe.

The iron tower smiles down upon the silver sea  
and along the golden mile they'll be swigging mugs of  
tea.

The politicians there who've come to take the air  
while posing for the daily press  
will look around and blame the mess  
on Edward Bear.

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rainy days,  
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