Mary's sellin' flowers on a stall in EC1
Tonight she'll be out lookin' for some fun
Her mate, Gerry's in the basement, he hasn't got a home
But prides himself that he's got most things done

Meanwhile, I'm up on the roof Waitin' for the sun to shine I haven't got an excuse So, I'll just keep my head down

David's in the city, he's just made a deal And the boys they want to take his trousers down So they buy some little pills which will make poor David ill And they find themselves in some club downtown

Meanwhile, I got off the roof
'Cos the rain keeps pouring down
And I haven't got a clue
Why there's faith in all these clowns

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Jim and Jane hit the grapevine 'cos they're lookin' for a party A secret number knows where it can be found So they pick up Pete and Sheila, then they head down the M40 But someone said they closed the country down

Meanwhile, I've locked myself in the kitchen Waitin' for the storm to pass
And if there's too much damage
I think I'll get the fuck out fast

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