## Petulant

Shriekback

They smile like nothing happened They look out on the sea The waves go splash & they don't care These hard facts indicate to me that: We're all built the same way -Subject to the same laws We all got our influences, I say: why shouldn't I?

We are not lovable in the usual way The sun shines down on us this day & everyday We are the pretty boys - self critical - self employed I feel dangerous & I say: why shouldn't I?

They love this kind of detail They ape the things they see This all links up with what I knew -It all seems sinister to me My sacred mess my saving graces? Insufficient alibi - I reason: why shouldn't I?

Some going out some coming round Some moving up - some slowing down We learned something back there Something that licks it's way in - religiously And I say: why shouldn't I?