

## Austerity/Girl One (Medley)

The Human League

In the town  
The start of day  
The father thinks in sadness  
On why his daughters went away  
On youth and other madness

I know we don't choose who we love  
And malice is so human  
When your principle's no good  
It's time to find a new one  
I was brought up to believe  
That to avoid disaster  
In life as in your dreams  
You've got to be the monster  
When you've done your very best  
When things turn out unpleasant  
When the best of men take bribes  
Isn't it the fool who doesn't?

In the town  
By the house  
The journalist is waiting  
And near this place  
There is a space  
A subject contemplating

You've got your keys to get back in  
You've washed your face so you can smile  
You've got your pockets full of lending cash  
Your ticket to the ladies mile  
You brush away a flake of zinc  
Advance toward the street outside  
You close your mind so you can't think  
The hide, the ride, the tide

But the scenes come rushing in  
Like eels into your net  
And it's just like Joseph said  
Another walk you can't forget  
But you push into the bleak  
Where all the women walk in fear  
Another three-word phrase  
The near, the clear, the dear

You're a lonely little girl  
Who just wants to please her dad  
So you thought you'd be a nurse  
Just like your mother had  
But you make the patients worse  
And the doctors know you're bad  
(Better get back to the oracle)

The oracle in this case  
Is a message on your phone  
It says where you go  
Gravity has gone  
You know this is true

But you want to speak of love  
Prediction and ambiguity  
Go hand in glove

The oracle in this case  
Is a face on your wall  
It says where you go  
People will fall

And near this place  
There is a space  
A subject contemplating  
And in the town  
The sun goes down  
No-one investigating