

EXTRACT 2

I speak ninety-nine languages that nobody wants to learn
I practice all kinds of religions that get me in all kinds of trouble

I miss home like hell and hell is where my home is

I want to fit into the landscape but I stand out a mile

I want to I want to I want to I want to be like you

I hate my shoes

I hate my foreign name

I hate my foreign face

I hate my stupid english

I hate to have to live in this bloody scottish place

I learn your language

I take charity

I eat pies

I'm in a play about refugees a lady asked us to do

Sit D.S/

I came to sighthill with a plastic bag I go to pinkston

We have a flat two beds a cooker knives forks spoons

A shower a telephone a table chairs towels teabags toilet paper

A carpet and hooks on the wall everything new

I hang up my plastic bag on one hook and my clothes on another

I lie on the floor and put on the tv

Oh my GAAD this is luxury

Then I go out and some stupid girls spit at me

I spit at them

They spit at me

I go inside my new door
And watch tv

I don't care

All fall back

I'm albanian
kosovan

rwandan

colombian

iranian

somalian

pakistani

afghanistani

chinese

congolese
angolan

sierraleonean/

ghanian

Lithuanian (*all sit-up*)

algerian

lebanese

Sudanese (*all stand*)

kurdish

kenyan

ukrainian

eritrean

romanian

russian

czech/

indian

sri lankan

yugoslavian

zimbabwean

cameronian

nigerian

I no speak

I speak no english

I speak little english

I speak english very good

I speak three languages

I speak my language, I speak your language, I speak glasgee

Movement continues;

Girls

My mother says she's turned into a cabbage

She counts the clouds that pass our window

She doesn't talk to anyone all day

She no speak english

She no speak at all

Boys

My father is a fighting man
He made speeches for the revolution
He is a hero a big guy you say in my country
He was tortured and he never speaks they cannot make him
He is silent in the pain a hero my father
He cannot speak english
He does not try
He is not interested
'Why English?' he say to me, 'why?
I have nothing to say in sighthill
I am nothing in scotland'

I'm an asylum
I'm from asylumseekerstan
I'm an asylumseekerstani

Girls repeat

I'm an asylum
I'm from asylumseekerstan
I'm an asylumseekerstani