

Scouse Sonnet - Number 10 - 1940's Nostalgia

The Way We Were

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Lads had their pockets filled with Marbles, String, Conkers, Jinks and Dice.
When Pot and Weed were Gardening Terms; and 'Getting Mugged' was nice.
'Dixie' lit our Gas Lamps, while little 'Connie' chopped and sold her Firewood.
Just Two of many familiar Characters, we saw around our Neighbourhood.
Fish, Chips and Peas in Newspaper, Broken Biscuits, Figs and Penny Fades.
Swiss Army multi-purpose Knives, with a Corkscrew and different Blades.
Intriguing 'Chinese' Stainless Steel Puzzles, with frustrating Combinations.
Printing Names on metal strips, for a Penny, on Machines at Railway Stations.
Ringworm, Clogs, Balaclavas, dubbed 'Togger Boots' with hard Toecaps.
Blue Unction, Sloppy Joes, Snake Belts; and Glasses fixed with Elastoplast.
Screeching Kids at the 'Everton Palace', queued for the Saturday Matinee.
To see Cowboy Legends like Roy Rogers, Tom Mix and Hopalong Cassidy.
We then rode 'Imaginary Horses' home, down the 'Slopes' of Everton Brow.
Shooting 'Bandits' all the way, towards our 'Campfire', 'Ranch' and 'Chow'.