

Wasteland
The Jam

The Jam - Wasteland [1979]

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[Intro]

G		D/F#		G		D/F#
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /			
G		Em7		A		
/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /	/ / / /			

[Verse 1]

G	A	D				
Meet me on the wastelands - later this day,						
G	A	D				
We ll sit and talk and hold hands maybe,						
G	A	D				
For there s not much else to do						
G		D/F#	G	Em7	A	
In this drab and colourless place.						

[Verse 2]

G	A	D				
We ll sit amongst the rubber tyres,						
G	A	D				
Amongst the discarded bric-a-brac - people have no use for,						
G	A	D	Em7	A		
Amongst the smouldering embers of yesterday.						

[Bridge 1]

F#	G	A				
And when or if the sun shines,						
G	F#m					

Lighting our once beautiful features,

C# **D**
We ll smile, but only for seconds,

G **A**
For to be caught smiling s to acknowledge life,

G **F#m**
A brave but useless show of compassion,

C# **D** **Em7** **A**
And that is forbidden in this drab and colourless world.

[Instrumental]

G **D/F#** **G** **D/F#**
| / / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / |

G **Em7** **A**
| / / / / | / / / / | / / / / |

[Verse 3]

G **A** **D**
Meet me on the wastelands - the ones behind,

G **A** **D**
The old houses - the ones left standing pre-war -

G **A** **D**
The ones overshadowed by the monolith monstrosities -

G **D/F#** **G** **Em7** **A**
Councils call homes.

[Verse 4]

G **A** **D**
And there amongst the shit - the dirty linen,

G **A** **D**
The holy Coca-Cola tins - the punctured footballs,

G **A** **D**
the ragged dolls - the rusting bicycles,

G **D/F#**
We ll sit and probably hold hands.

G

D/F#

And watch the rain fall - watch it, watch it -

G

D/F#

Tumble and fall - tumble and falling -

G

D/F#

Like our lives - like our lives -

Em

A

Just like our lives.

[Verse 5]

G

A

D

We ll talk about the old days,

G

A

D

When the wasteland was release, when we could play,

G

A

D

And think - without feeling guilty - meet me later

G

D/F#

But we ll have to hold hands.

G

D/F#

Tumble and fall - tumble and falling -

G

D/F#

Like our lives - like our lives -

Em7

A

D

Exactly like our lives.

[End]