

## No Ordinary City

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### 3 GROUPS:

- **Andy**
- **Friends**
- **Chorus / Home Office**

**ANDY:** Didn't see it coming at all / It's been so long  
I can't re-call / Every time I think of home I think of all the broken rules

**ALL:** London's open

**ANDY:** Wide open **FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** Wide open doors

**ANDY:** And no I can't go back

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** Back

**ANDY:** No I can't go back **CHORUS:** Back

**FRIENDS:** And no he can't go back

**ANDY:** No

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** And no he can't go back

**ANDY:** I'm on the right track / I'm where I'm meant to be

**ANDY:** So no I can't go back **FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** So no he can't  
go back

**FRIENDS:** An art student

**ANDY:** Far from home

**FRIENDS:** On a scholarship

**ANDY:** Taking trips, museums

**FRIENDS:** Forming friendships in Soho

**ANDY:** Sport and music

**CHORUS:** And food

**ANDY:** Gets me on the go

**CHORUS:** Then came the letter / Like a dagger

Told him he can't stay here

That he'd have to go home **ANDY:** That I'd have to go home

**FRIENDS:** London's closing

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** Closing its doors

**CHORUS (HOME OFFICE):** Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you that your student visa's expired.

**FRIENDS:** He's always been there for me

**ANDY:** Goodbye

**CHORUS (HOME OFFICE):** You need to provide an award letter from the director of the university

**FRIENDS:** He's the most creative person I know

**CHORUS (HOME OFFICE):** If you fail to do so, you must LEAVE / We will have to submit a deportation notice and you will LEAVE.

**FRIENDS:** He's excited to follow his dreams.

*[ORCHESTRAL INTERLUDE]*

**ANDY:** Thinking about the time we went ice skating in Hyde Park.

Woolly jumpers / frosted noses / maybe we can go again

**CHORUS (HOME OFFICE):** Your application for a visa has been approved

**FRIENDS / CHORUS:** Feeding pigeons, buskers, roasted chestnuts, eating different food.

**ALL:** London's open

**ANDY:** Wide open

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** Wide open doors

**ANDY:** And now I won't go back

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** Back

**ANDY:** No I won't go back

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** And now he won't go back / And no he won't go back

**ANDY:** And no I won't go back

**ANDY:** And no I won't go back

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** And no he won't go back

**ANDY:** And no I won't go back

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** And no he won't go back

**ALL:** Didn't see it coming at all

**ANDY:** I'm where I'm meant to be

**FRIENDS AND CHORUS:** He's where he's meant to be

**ALL:** In this city