

No Ordinary City

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3 GROUPS:

- Andy
- Friends
- Chorus / Home Office

MANCHESTER AND NOTTINGHAM GROUPS SING HIGHLIGHTED CHORUS

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.

Wooly 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