

## ***Beautiful Thing* Audition piece: Jamie and Ste**

**Jamie:** Hiya.

**Ste:** Oright?

**Jamie:** Bunkin' off?

**Ste:** No, I'm at school, what's it look like?

**Jamie:** Not like you.

**Ste:** It's only Sports Day.

**Jamie:** Not like you to miss a race.

**Ste:** First time for everything.

**Jamie:** Your in the relay team.

**Ste:** Yeah, well... don't wanna put...put strain on me ankle. It's... injured in training.

**Jamie:** Oh.

**Ste:** S'not the end of the world. Ibeen down Tavy Bridge.

**Jamie:** Get anything?

**Ste:** Nah, skint.

**Jamie:** I aint seen ya. Where you been hiding?

**Ste:** I aint been hiding all right? It's a bloody heat wave, Jamie, and you expect me to be indoors?

**Jamie:** No, it's just, you know, just a bit weird.

**Ste:** I was out. All right? What's weird about that? I wan' hiding. I was just, you know, out.

**Jamie:** been worried about ya.

**Ste:** Don't be.

**Jamie:** Well, I was.

**Ste:** Well don't be!

**Jamie:** Have they....?

**Ste:** No.

Jamie: What?

Ste: Nothing's happened. Yeah? I'm all right. I'm pucker. Everything...everything's pucker.

**Jamie:** Your scared

**Ste:** I aint scared o'nothin'!

**Jamie:** Yeah?

**Ste:** Yeah! Last week, right. I went woolwich. Comin' out of a shop and there's this geezer in the gutter, pissed out of his skull, lying there. And everyone was just walking past him. I had to step over him. *(pause)* And it was my old man. *(pause)* Got me thinking on the bus. Why be scared of a bloke who's dead to the world?