

Photo Shop

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A Morris Minor, a café noir -
Banana smoothie, snails in a jar.
Three dodgy sailors, a girl on skates -
A little too muscled from doing weights.

A family wedding, a sushi bar -
Sand in the Seychelles, karaoke star.
Lads on the razzle get lost in love.
Paddington station, rain clouds above.

The crumpled sheets of a long hot summer.
Stored images like an acorn, drop.
Squirreled away, but still remembered
by the man in the photo shop.

Rush hour on Praed Street: behind the glass -
a picture process, in one hour fast.
Intimate portraits of topless wives -
flashed indiscretions: snap-happy lives.