

LITTLE BABY

Little Baby don't be sad -
Wave goodbye with your loving Dad.
Mummy goes to work for all of us -
Off to London on the bus.
Don't let it distress you so,
Eat your breakfast and watch her go
And if we're good, perhaps my dear
Mummy's going to buy a new Cavalier.

Little Baby what a mess -
All your food's gone down your dress.
Baby please just eat it, do -
It was processed just for you.
We will play while Mummy's gone.
I'll put the home computer on
And maybe you can learn to speak
With the program we got last week.

Little Baby don't despair –
Sit in the Sainsbury's trolley there,
And Baby please behave yourself -
Leave those packets on the shelf.
We will reach the checkout soon
And then we'll have the afternoon
And with the money I can save
Daddy's going to buy a new microwave.

Little Baby don't you cry –
Sleep and let the night go by.
Wake up in the morning, when
Mummy goes off to work again.
And when the years have passed away
She will never have to say
“Wherever did your childhood go?”
Daddy's got it all on video.

This was originally written to be sung by a “mother” in the Act One show “Childhood Revisited”, but the gender-reversed version seems more poignant. The song was bang up to date when written but sadly wrong-footed in 1995 when Vauxhall changed the Cavalier. Not much rhymes with “Vectra”.