

Moving On

Second war babies too young to recall
The blackout and ITMA and Spitfires and spam,
Doodlebugs GIs and chewing gum, digging for victory....
Dresden and Coventry, white cliffs of Dover,
Where is Hiroshima, now it's all over;
But our parents were ordinary folk never spoke
Much about the war

They just had to be Moving On, only glad to be Moving On,
Always had to be Moving On, Moving On.

Welcome to England to work for the Queen
We've got food on the ration and free milk at school
Variety Bandbox and Muffin the Mule and the four minute mile
Days at the seaside, Morris Minors and Spangles
Teddy boys, frothy coffee and Look Back In Anger,
Ban the bomb, Lady Chatterley, beatniks and jazz
You never had it so good ...

Still we were just Moving On, it was all about Moving On,
Always had to be Moving On, Moving On.

Gunshots in Dallas, Profumo and spies,
Please Please me, miniskirts, Morecambe & Wise,
The World Cup, flared trousers, girls on the pill
And men on the moon

Flower power, burn your bra, Watergate, on yer Bike,
Yuppies, McDonalds, Free Nelson Mandela
And Live Aid and shellsuits and Princess Diana
And the Berlin Wall down.....

Now that had to be Moving On, still glad to be Moving On,
Always had to be Moving On, Moving On

A Tunnel to Europe and Dolly the Sheep,
DNA, BSE, HIV, CJD
And hip-hop and Britpop and laptops and alcopops
Joggers and Marathons, Millennium fireworks and MRSA
9/11, tsunami and bloggers and spam
Detox and Botox and i-Pods and satnavs
And ASBOs and chavs, bonuses, bankers
Olympics and cuts and twenty four seven CCTV....
We'll be glad to be Moving On, not so bad to be Moving On
Always had to be Moving On, Moving On.

But wartime was over, except for Korea,
Malaya, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam,
The Cod War, the Cold War and Living in fear,
And Kenya and Suez, Northern Ireland, Cyprus,
Bangladesh and Kashmir, |
Angola, Somalia, Rwanda, Sudan
And Kosovo, Bosnia, The Falklands, Iraq,
Lebanon, Gaza and Afghanistan
And quite a few more, but apart from the wars it's been
Peace all the way.
Ain't it time we were Moving On,
Too bad not to be Moving On
Simply got to be Moving On, Moving On.

This song is a sort of history of my lifetime. There isn't room for it to be more than a list. The fourth verse is liable to change as the 2010s unfold. The music is influenced by reggae that always makes me want to feel good.

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