## **Seashells in the East**

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Good heart, bad breed Living in the ill manor but we're no Plan B Mummy got Christ, Daddy got a vice, not surprised He ain't tryna follow no pipe dreams Nature or nurture is destiny, real If this estate had lakes and green fields And he went Eton and Oxford too Would monkey see, monkey do like you? Fine line between obstacles and excuses But a thick skin will still bump and bruise And when you need them blue kickers and new creps Special brew, won't get you dressed for school You won't find seashells in East End But you might see shells in East End There ain't no pier or no rock here But most of your peers will sell rocks here Survival instinct's a must You hug that road, but road don't show loveLeave that place before you get stuck Can't wait till your wake before you wake upThis place ain't changed (There's still a war going on inside of a defeater's mind) This place ain't changed (A man's home is his castle, but freedom lives outside)Winners and losers (Yep, the manor's a no-go, T-shirt weather but mandem are so cold) Is it better? (Out here to out here) We came up in the same ends Bought sweets with the same pence Pot luck, or was I god-blessed? If I couldn't rap, would I be in the same mess? Postcode, blame the postcode But a strong mind's like a vacation The power of escapism If you ain't dreaming, then you ain't living Fork in the road, which way'd you wanna go? Trust me, bruy, I know the ropes, gotta make a plan though But you're in too deep, gotta keep your fam afloatAnd just cause we don't speak, don't mean I wanna see you go And you can blame me, but that's eating up a hole Now your sister's on the phone, me and Smithy had to go To your hospital bed, with the tumour up in your nose It was really touch and go while I was there Where was the ends then? You won't find seashells in East End

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