“The Girl on the News” by Paul Cookson

Was my age,

liked the same music,

even had the same trainers.

Had a David Beckham shirt,

watched Coronation Street

and did Irish dancing.

Loved books by JK Rowling

and Jacqueline Wilson, had the full stes,

just like me.

For dinner she’d had a chicken sandwich,

crisps and a Mars bar ice cream.

I love them, they’re my favorites too.

If she’d been at my school

we would have been friends

best friends… definitely best friends.

But she won’t now, missing for ten days

and even though nobody’s said so we sort of know

there’s not going to be a happy ending.

She was my age, just like me.

it could have been me that was taken.

I could have been the girl on the news.

She had the same colour eyes

and I was going to do my hair like that,

exactly like that…

but I don’t think I will now,

I don’t think I will now.

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