

## **Scouse Sonnet - Number 1 - 1940's Nostalgia**

### **General Living Conditions**

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**Memories from my Childhood, in Post-War Liverpool, Bombed and Broke.**  
**But People didn't wallow in Self Pity, they would much rather share a Joke.**  
**Churches, Shops and Houses, so many scarred and damaged by the Blitz.**  
**No one had heard of 'Health and Safety', They simply got by 'on their Wits'.**  
**Terraced Houses, a Century old, most with Backyards and Outside Loos.**  
**Many stood in sorry disrepair, though a few looked Posh, with Vestibules.**  
**Along our Lobby was the Parlour, kept Locked, but always 'Spick and Span'.**  
**To impress Important Visitors, such as the Clergy, Doctors and Clubman.**  
**A clothes Pulley hung high up in the kitchen, a meshed foodsafe in the back.**  
**A brass Companion Set shone on the hearth, by a smoking fire of Nutty Slack.**  
**I used to count the Sacks of Coal for Mum, we had delivered to our Cellar.**  
**So our Coalman never 'Sold Us Short', because he knew that I would tell her.**  
**Large families were commonplace, perhaps a Dozen lived in a Tiny House.**  
**But they grew up Strong and Healthy, fed on 'Pea Wack Soup' and 'Scouse'.**