

Scouse Sonnet - Number 3 - 1940's Nostalgia **Pastimes For Young Boys**

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At local Sweetshop Windows, we played 'Bagsy', **endulging to Extremes.**
Selecting Pear Drops, Sugared Almonds; and Fry's Peppermint Creams.
We took turns to make our choices, **then gave our imaginary Treats away.**
Our Generosity, just knew no bounds, because none of us had to Pay.
We raced along the Paving Flags, **but tried not to Step on any Cracks.**
Played Tick, Kerbs, Hopscotch or Relalio; and gave friends Piggybacks.
We often played a Writing Game, **to prove whose Vocabulary was better.**
The first to list six different categories, which all began with the same letter.
We spoke a most 'Peculiar Language', **with other Members of Our Gang.**
By putting 'AYG' before Each Vowel, our New Words became 'Backslang'.
We wrote down the Registration Numbers, **of any passing Vans and Cars.**
Earned some extra Coppers, by collecting returnable Bottles and Jam Jars.
Tied an old tablespoon on the end of a long Pole, **was another thing we did.**
Then searched for Money, we could Rescue, that had fallen down a grid.