

## **Scouse Sonnet - Number 4 - 1940's Nostalgia**

### **Pastimes For Young Girls**

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**For Girls** there was **'The Mirabel'**, **'The Girl's Crystal'** and **'School Friend'**.  
**With Beauty Tips, Romance Advice**, perhaps a **'Broken Heart'** to mend.  
**Two Tin Cans**, tied on with string, became **'Mini-Stilts'**, beneath their feet.  
**Spinning Tops and Playing Shop**, or performing **Concerts**, in the Street.  
They would happily push their **Dolls** in **Prams**, or share a **Skipping Rope**.  
**Blow Bubbles** through a small **Wire Hoop**, using **'Aunt Sally'** **Liquid Soap**.  
**Played 'Three Balls'** against a **Wall**, to old **'Rhythmic Songs'**, they'd sing.  
**An old rubber Tyre**, on a long thick **Rope**, made an ideal **'Lamp Post Swing'**.  
**Girls** formed their little **May Processions**, putting **Daisy Chains** in their **Hair**.  
**Mum's old 'High-Heels'** and **'Curtain Nets'**, the kind of things they'd wear.  
They would even stage **'Mock Weddings'**, if they managed to find a **Boy**.  
**But only 'Cissies'** would play with the **Girls**, so they seldom got much **Joy**.  
**Shy, Angelic First Communicants**, proud products of their **Sunday School**.  
**Would pose at Jerome's**, for **'Family Portraits'**, stood beside a **Piano Stool**.