

PANIC! Bursaries
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Video Transcription

(singing) Big city life

me try forget by, pressure nah
ease up no matter how hard me try,

big city life... (singing fades away)

Abdullah: From Harehills to Chapeltown and back

From the Caribbean to Leeds before that

From the land of wood and water to the Windrush

From West Africa, to the West Indies

Look up, look down

Some things change

Look back, look around

Some things the same

Tai: Somewhere between learning from
elders who paved the way

And fighting for the future that
we are making each day

Alya: Every day turns to night

Every night turns to day

Public transport like a ghost

I know it better than most

There's been an outbreak

and yes I was worried

a top by like Sully

I'm always in a hurry

Abdullah: A hurry to get healthy and build
a loving home

I'm turning up

Trying to find a motive

Trying to shaku on the beat

With a Ye that's different to yours

In this big city life

I'm just trying to get by

Just trying to get from A-to-B
and escape poverty

In this big city life is just hi and bye

Tai: Pressure goes up no matter what I try

Don't you ever get lonely?

Don't you want to know me?

Be a friend of mine

(laughing and humming)

(far away singing)

Big city life so I have to run

I can give you five when my work is done

Why do we live our lives like all this stuff survives?

Don't you ever get lonely?

Don't you want to know me?

Together: Be a friend of mine

Abdullah and Tai: From Harehills
to Chapeltown and back

From the Caribbean to Leeds before that

Abdullah: From the land of wood and water to the Windrush

From West Africa to the West Indies

Look up, look down

Some things change

Look back, look around

Some things the same

Somewhere between learning from
elders who paved the way

and looking to the future that
we're making each day.

(faint singing) Big city life, me try forget
by, pressure nah ease up no

matter how hard me try

Big city life... (singing voices
overlapping)

from time to time. Don't let the
system get you down

Don't you want to know me? Be a friend of mine.

Don't let the system get you down...