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# PROLOGUE

What's it about then?

Well,

It's about the tapestry of moments, woven of a thousand threads.

Different versions of the world swirling inside a thousand heads.

We go from the biggest to the smallest, dropped off, left to fend,  
in the secondary school jungle jumbled enemies, new friends.

It's a war zone. It's a haven. It's a stage full of bright lights.

It's a series of scary alleyways walked on a dark night.

Always moving. Unforgiving.

Full of music. Full of living.

Zoom in. One mind. Split screen. Another mind. Another mind.

Another mind. Another mind.

And another mind.

All together. Same place.

Same walls. Same space.

Every emotion under the sun. Faith lost. Victories won.

It doesn't stop.

Until the bell. Now it's heaven. Now it's hell.

Who knows? Not me.

I just wrote what I can see.

So what's it about?

Here's my response:

It's about Everything, All At Once.



**EVERY EMOTION UNDER  
THE SUN. FAITH LOST.  
VICTORIES WON.**

**IT DOESN'T STOP.**

**UNTIL THE BELL. NOW  
IT'S HEAVEN. NOW  
IT'S HELL.**

**WHO KNOWS? NOT ME.**

# FIRST DAY

It looks like a spaceship  
a jagged silver spaceship  
windows like portals  
reflecting the light  
no

it looks like the head of  
a massive metal monster  
its sliding glass mouth  
with teeth ready to bite  
no

it looks like it sprouted right  
out of the floor  
ripped through rock, dirt and gravel  
burst out of the ground  
no

it looks like it fell  
from some alien planet  
crash-landed on earth  
with some terrible sound  
no

it looks like  
it looks like  
I don't know what it looks like  
Massive and scary

Noisy

Alive

I feel like a mouse

stepping into the jungle

Tell my mum that I love her

I'm going inside.