



## **Valerie Phillips - She said The 1975 reminded her of how Parma Violets taste**

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She said the 1975 reminded her of how Parma Violets taste. Phoebe told me some other things too...

"when I was fifteen I made a list of things I wanted to do before I die - dance with the rain fairies. smoke a cigarette. kiss a girl." And asked me some things... "when you edit your sketchbooks on the floor do the pages ever blow away?" "how does Google know you're obsessed with Pre-Raphaelite art?"

In the nine months before Phoebe leaves for University, we spend most of our time taking pictures in the suburbs outside London where she grew up - places she meets friends, writes songs, eats meal-deals from the co-op, plays games in the arcade, walks her dog.

I'm fascinated by the deepest deep nothing of the suburbs, having only ever lived in the grimy chaos of 70s/80s New York, and later, London. Such places give rise to the unexpected. Blank spaces where the truly unusual have room to flourish. Magical mysterious characters hidden in plain sight. Or maybe that's just Phoebe.

I love these days and their infinite unpredictable ramblings, unknown adventures unfolding everywhere and nowhere. She tells me she's going to buy an electric guitar - when I ask what kind, she says "a regular one".

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