

## A'v Aye Wantit Tae Be A Dentist

A'v aye wantit tae be a dentist, so a hiv.  
It's weird a know, but it's wit a wantit.  
Ma da wis keen oan that idea right enough.  
He'd his eyes oan an apartment in Spain afore a'd stairtit  
the high school, he's aye teasin us!  
So a worked haurd.  
Git the heid doon and git stuck in's wit ma mammy wid say.

A dinna like tae toot ma oan trumpet, but  
a did well at school.  
Got cawed a teacher's pet oan the odd occasion, but  
the academy's full ae wee bastarts – it's tae be expectit.  
A widnae'v said this at the time, but a luv'd the school.  
Didnae hiv tae think fur masel so much, an a wis cliver so a  
got by awrite.

A did git sad sometimes mind, but  
naebody unnerstuid wit wis involved wae gettin intae  
dental school. Ye needit 'A's fur wan thing, but  
there wis tests anaw – weed oot the competition an aw that.  
An then they interviewed ye – no jist questions by-the-way, but  
mad puzzles an that. A didnae really see the point ae it, but  
that's wit they wantit.

Aye the interviews were haurd right enough – a came hame  
fae each wan wae ma face trippin me. Ma mammy aye telt me  
a'd done better than a thought, but  
a wisnae fur hivin it.  
A stairtit tae think it wisnae gonnae happen – it wis torture  
no hivin a Scooby! Needit that crystal baw mammy aye telt me she'd  
lost.

So there a wis two days afore ma last interview, right? An a  
wis quite quiet at school that day. Folk kept askin if a wis awrite  
so a telt them a wis jist shittin masel.  
A came hame that night an haed ma dinner – a wis quite stressed so  
a ate it up the stair wae a study book.  
A dinna know why but a dug ma nails in deep an gied my airm a guid clawin afore bed.  
It didnae really hurt, only a wee bit.

Anyhow, next mornin wit a fright a got – my airm wis reid-raw, gaupin!  
Wit a numpty – lucky a'd gaun ontae lang sleeves in sixth year so  
naebody saw wit a mess a'd made.  
Ma interview wis actually quite guid efter aw that, an soon a'd  
two offers – happy as Larry a wis!  
Am a third year nou so it's aw worked oot  
dead nice.

It's no like school, dental school. A'v never been guid at  
makin decisions but am hivin tae learn.  
A git worked up aboot seein patients anaw – feart a'll git things wrang  
in front ae them or that.  
A know they think am daft even if they dinna say it.  
It sounds stupid but a git quite sad aboot it sometimes – usually a hiv a wee  
greet an am awrite efter.

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Recently though a wee greet hisnae been workin. A keep thinkin how this is mebbes no fur me, ye know?  
A'v stairtit doin daft things like arguin wae masel in the shower an eatin whole packs ae biscuits in a wanner.  
Ma folks back hame'v paid fur me tae be here, an a'v never really thought a'd need tae dae anythin else. Sometimes a pretend am a drag queen but a doubt that'd git me an apairment in Spain.

A didnae really think there wis anythin wrang til a cut masel wan night.  
It didnae really hurt, only a wee bit.  
Nice an calm anaw - like the world wisnae watchin anymair. Sometimes the blood took its time tae appear, or it wid be in a rush ithers.  
A liked guessin wit is wis gonnae dae each time afore a did it, but sometimes a cheatit an jist press'd haurder so a'd win.

A'v spoken tae folk nou though, an am gettin loads ae help an that.  
It's nice tae hiv a wee bit ae time aff - git back hame an sort masel oot, ye know?  
A dae feel like everybody is oan their tip taes aroon me, feart tae look at me the wrang way in case a brek.  
But a know they're jist worryin, a wid too if ma pal cut themsels – an a'd be blabberin the same shite everybody's stairtit oan me.

A dinna really know wit the plan is gaun aheid tae be fair.  
A hiv aye wantit tae be a dentist, an a dae think that's wit a'll end up daein.  
A need tae look efter ma heid though cause a need that fur mair than jist fixin teeth. Am still a bit scunnert by it aw if am honest – a thought this malarkey wis only fur goths an that. A guess everybody needs a wee bit ae help nou an then.