

Camp

Queering the landscape
Its points and angles creating a scene all of its own
Seemed so out of place in the shadow of mock Tudor terraces
But then strangely unapologetically making itself very at home

Awkward and not fitting in
Like me at that time in the 90s, in my chalet, queering and peering,
Me fancying my best mate's brother
At the end of the day it may still have been Butlins
with certain views at odds with its neo-fantastical cover

The strangeness I felt of male redcoats singing ballads to teen girls whilst informing my
understanding back then
of what gay desire is about
This holiday camp where the camp was for straights as campy redcoats were instructed by their
bosses not to come out

Fast forward to now, to a change in the tide
Many seaside resorts have their very own Pride
But the fear is still here, when two worlds collide
Straight lads on their stags and hens out with their bride
They call themselves allies but really they've lied
to tick all those boxes and get discounts applied
Slapping rainbows on it to show they're 'on side'
Your fake allyship. Hypocrite! I simply cannot abide
Stick your flags through your donuts, greasy and fried
You claim you're an ally and to show me you've tried
You tell me, 'Well I bought that song by the gay one from Eastlife.
No. Westside'
And when him out of Ladzone unexpectedly died
For a whole five seconds I cried'
Oh do me a favour, Mr Rainbow Flag Waver
Bet you think we can't see you take us queers for a ride
As men kiss by the pool, you lads unable to hide
The disgust and the horror you're feeling inside
But lads did you know that the pool water slide now goes through the hole in your bottom?
So, boys open up wide

This will not hurt as much as the mental strength I had to take
To not smash your lights out when you sold rainbow ice cream with a flake
You reduced me to a sandwich, who the hell you're trying to kid?
Switching BLT with LBT just to make a few more quid
Pink-washing is not clever however clever the word pun
Stick that sandwich up inside you mate, where there's never ever sun