

## Jack RichardSonnets

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### ***The Food Shop***

*How trite the favour seemed when first I came  
To York, conveyed by parents both.  
For the car I do my luggage blame;  
To help unpack seemed but th'parental oath.  
And finally a trip to Morrisons  
For food and drink that I might last the week  
All part of Mother's duty to her sons;  
And anyhow, my loans were ay their peak.  
But two years later how I sob and cry  
In gratitude when Mum sends twenty quid  
To keep me fed that I might not yet die:  
Hungry, I scrounge like those before me did,  
And gaze in envy at those Freshers' bags  
As though with gold, not bread, the plastic sags.*

### ***To Handwriting***

*I love to hear the lecturer's dulcet tones  
Wash o'er the room with knowledge pure and true,  
For learning's passion warms my chilly bones  
And by my hand from air to page pass through.  
What better way to set in record speech  
Than by that art which comes most naturally?  
How else are we to future ages teach  
Than with these timeless symbols' majesty?  
But still on all four sides I hear the clack  
Of many keys slapped harshly with great haste;  
The studious scratching of my pen forces back  
By cracks and screens by finger-grease debased.  
For while to type may seem all fine and faster  
.docx's obsolescence will spell disaster*



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