

### The Big Splash

You know you don't believe me  
but fuck it was wet the whole fuckin day  
comin down so that people were walkin wi their heads doon  
an am walkin alang that quiet bit of Ballater Street  
quiet in the early mornin  
jist finished ma shift an dodgin the puddles oan the ground  
an there's this guy walkin aboot twenty yards in front o me  
an he's comin up tae this great big fuckin puddle  
spread fae the side o the road  
flooded almost oan tae the pavement  
and there's this van, white van, no surprise  
comes hurtling alang doin aboot ninety  
and whoosh  
wheels right through the puddle  
an he's away like nothing tae dae wae him  
an throws up this big wave  
an the guy, the guy in front o me oan the pavement  
he jist keeps oan walkin at the same pace  
jist a wee wrist movement o his left hand  
an it sits there  
stoaps  
a trail o ragged glass  
like it's frozen  
the big splash fae the white van  
a big curtain o water no goin anywhere for a minute  
or mebbe no a minute but seemed like it  
an then when he was clear  
it jist dropped an made the splash a had been expectin  
aw the time like a minute afore  
an it soaked the pavement  
an am rubbin the rain fae ma eyes  
no knowin whit am thinkin, feelin  
doin the video rewind in ma heid  
an he does it quick  
just like that  
the fucker turns roon  
no right roon  
bit jist a bit  
an he winks  
he fuckin winks at me.