Top Class Drama

Alexandra (Lexi) Kelsall solo transcript
The Flower Thrower

[spray can rattling; spray painting sound]

[sounds of protest]

Melbournians, I beg you, I understand your fury
But you can’t just let violence be the judge and the jury.

Foxconn, in China, the issue’s not new
Over 10 years have passed, some real action is due

These devices we hold that power our lives
Are the reason that others are so cruelly deprived

Of clean air, a good wage, a reason to live
They are sick and they’re dying, they have no more to give

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Their solution: in 2010, Foxconn China laid down nets to stop the bodies from hitting the pavement.

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One two three four the time to act has come once more

Don’t you see, you’re feeding the beast
Any PR is a capitalist's feast

To end exploitation, brutality’s absurd,
We should create, not destroy, if we want to be heard

Do I hear seven hundred thousand pounds? Seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds? Eight hundred thousand, eight hundred and sixty thousand pounds! Balloon Girl by Banksy.

[shredding sound]

It were only when I was half shredded that the world saw my value. How will further destruction bring back what we’ve lost?

[organ sound]

Thou sacrificed me on the altar of consumerism. How will further sacrifice avenge your sins?

[background music] Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light...[static]...

[jingle] McDonalds, McDonalds,
Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut

We worship a dollar sign now.
Where has the value in love and pride gone?

I think that it’s time for a paradigm shift
Instead of destruction, we all need to lift
Up our voices and brushes and use them for art
Paint the picture of peace that you see in your heart

We’ve seen it before in this very place
A product of grit in a long freedom race

From little things big things grow,
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[sings]
People killin' people dyin'
Children hurtin', I hear them cryin'
Can you practice what you preachin'?
Would you turn the other cheek?

[sings]
Do you hear the people sing?
Singing a song of angry men?
It is the music of a people
Who will not be slaves again!
[muffled] When the beating of your heart
Echoes the beating of the drums
[muffled humming]

So, you see? It can happen if we work as a team
If we channel this passion down a more peaceful stream

This fire you have, let’s transform what it means
Share your art, not your hate on your little blue screens (pick up ART bags)

When I jumped I saw hate, a world of pure reactivity
But now I stand with an army, a force of creativity

[spray can rattling; spray painting sound]