

Extract from Timeless

Part 3: the Future

Ian enters, he is looking at his reflection.

Ian: I will not be there early.
I will not be there first.
I will not sit at the table nervously smoking.
I will not look at my reflection.
I will enter casually, scanning the room, remarkably casually.

Veronica: Ian!
Ian Ian Ian Ian Ian.
How are you. We haven't talked.

Ian: Veronica will be early.
She will be sitting, nervously smoking.
She'll look at her reflection.
Perhaps I'll notice a lost or sad expression on her face which she will hide as soon as she sees me enter.
And I will enter casually.

Veronica: Ian!
Ian Ian Ian Ian Ian.
How are you. We haven't talked!

Ian: Good Good You?

Veronica: OK You?

Ian: Yeah. Good.
Bit of this bit of that.
You know busy.
I'm actually doing a ...
I'm involved in a ...
I'm part of a project with some people in London.
New York people. People from New York.
L.A. people who are based in New York.
But they've come over to London and they're staying in extremely lavish hotels.
So yeah. You know.
I'm serene.
I've made contact.
You know me. Very casual. Remarkably casual.
I will ask her if she wants a beer.
I will order a Slovakian beer. it will be good but I will not be able to pronounce the fucker's name.
I will sigh away the stress of international travel.
Can I get you a beer? **(Sigh)**
Veronica, beer? **(Sigh)**
I'm having a beer, you?
Have a beer with me Ronnie? **(Sigh)**
(Beer gesture) (Sigh)
And we will reminisce about old times.
We'll talk about that beach we went to one time .
And we ate pakoras from the shop.
And we got pissed and watched the sun come up.
And even though we thought it would be crap.
Something beautiful happened to us all.

And I'll talk about it remarkably casually.

Veronica: I've held a flame for you. Ian. For so long.
But time. Time and things.
Time and things have split our lives apart the way ...

Ian: The way freezing water splits rock on a mountainside.

Veronica: Yes Ian. Just exactly in that way.