

Crammasy

Mars is braw in crammasy.

Crimson.

Aye, right.

Poets.

Whit dae they ken aboot Mars?

Widnae last a solar day here.

Be deid lang afore their Earth ship even landit.

Subject, 6 Gen, Sierra Lima Juliatt

Non attendance at Bio Loch work station

Absence, unauthorised

Mars is reid. Aye. Reid, ridd, red.

The colour o this fourth planet.

But no like strawberries. No like a rose. Or wine.

Mars is reid. Like a hert that winna beat.

A hert wi nae love.

The New Martians in Scotia 12.

Ma colony. Ma faimly. Ma prison.

I've come here tae get awa fae them.

Efter this mornin's news.

I wis gonnae scream.

Sierra Lima Juliett, hert rate elevated.

Vitals stable.

Location, beyond the perimeter

Trackin

The colony. Built by the first anes on Mars.

Oor grandparents.

Oor great great great whatever grandparents.

They were Generation Wan.

I'm Generation Six. I wis born here.

We were telt tae hope.

They made us believe, wan day, we wid leave Mars.

And noo I ken I'm gonnae dee here.

They drapped that on us the day.

Generation Six must stey on Mars.

Tae service and protect this pointless lump o deid reid stane.

And Generation Seeven. Jist them. On their ain.

They will cairry on tae the stars.

New planets.

New vistas.

New life.

Sierra Lima Juliett, located. Alba Mons region.

Brain activity noted, high beta waves.

Agitation.

Rejection of directive probable.



Deploy armed drone. Subdue and return subject

Tae his work station at Scotia 12.

Lookit.

Earth.

A blue dot in the Martian sky.

I hear them. Comin for me. The colonists.

They've sent hunters. Course they hiv.

They hae ma vitals. They ken I'm here.

I'm coded in. Ma haill life's coded in.

But see that blue dot. I'm gaun there. Noo.

I dinnae care. I'll find a wey. I'm jist gaun.

I want this ridd stoor aff o me.

I'm gonnae walk on the Blue Planet.

I'm gonnae swim in its seas.

I gonnae breathe air. Real air.

Jist want tae go hame.

Tae Earth.

The bonnie broukit bairn.

Poets.

They ken nothin.

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