

A Little Orchestra

"The Permanent Way"

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I want a quieter movie
Something cut slower
Something less eager

I want Julia, I think her name was Julia
Pretty sure it was Julia
Let's say Julia

I want Julia in 1985
Sheepskin coat, patterned tights
I want Julia and me to see a movie
One that makes me kiss her
I never did

With Denholm Elliott as the hero
Denholm Elliott as the rogue
Denholm Elliott as the butler
And Wendy Padbury as the girl

Denholm Elliott as the landlord
Donald Pleasence as the chaplain
Denholm Elliott cares too much
Wendy Padbury given in

Denholm Elliott steps off a train
He wears a rain mac, he wears brogues
It's a branch line station in 1966
Wendy meets him, wearing T-bar shoes

With Denholm Elliott as the hero
Denholm Elliott as the rogue
Denholm Elliott as the butler
Wendy Padbury as the girl

Denholm Elliott as the landlord
Donald Pleasence as the chaplain
Denholm Elliott takes Wendy in his arms
And whispers
"Please be calm"

We can film these dreams as split-screens

You break our hearts with CGI
I want the celluloid to fade as I get older
And Denholm to sing me lullabies

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