

## Matilda London Cast

### "Quiet"

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(MATILDA)

Have you ever wondered, well I have.  
About how when I say, say red, for example.  
There's no way of knowing if red  
Means the same thing in your head  
As red means in my head, when someone says red!

And how if we are travelling at, almost the speed of  
light  
And we're holding a light  
That light will still travel away from us  
At the full speed of light, which seems right in a way

But I'm trying to say, I'm not sure  
But I wonder if inside my head  
I'm not just a bit different to some of my friends  
These answers that come into my mind unbidden  
These stories delivered to me fully written!

And when everyone shouts like they seem to like  
shouting  
The noise in my head is incredibly loud!  
And I just wish they'd stop, my Dad and my Mum.  
And the telly and stories would stop just for once!

I'm sorry, I'm not quite explaining it right.  
the noise becomes anger and the anger is light  
And its burning inside me would usually fade.

But it isn't today!  
And the heat and the shouting.  
My heart is pounding.  
My eyes are burning  
And sudden;y everything, everything is...

Quiet  
Like silence, but not really silent.  
Just that still sort of quiet.  
Like the sound of a page being turned in a book.  
Or a pause in a walk in the woods.

Quiet

Like silence, but not really silent.

Just that nice kind of quiet.

Like the sound when you lie upside down in your bed.

Just the sound of your heart in your head.

And though the people around me.

Their mouths are still moving.

The words they are forming.

Cannot reach me anymore!

And it is quiet.

And I am warm.

Like I've sailed.

Into the eye of the storm.

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