

## Intersection in The Early Eighties

Down Speakers' Corner, Jimmy Sommerville's double  
gets on a soap box

lectures a crescent of white liberals  
on *The Subway Disease*, AKA, acquired immune deficiency:

*condoms, fidelity, consequences,  
the whole hetro package, we never really got it.*

*HEY YOU*, shouts a black bloke at the back, *Battyboy!*  
*We get you outta da'Prince!*

(The *Prince of Wales* is a pre-gentrification  
Caribbean hang out, near Brixton Tube.)

The crescent shuffles, mutters; Sommervilles' right-hand Queer  
a Dutch lesbian in red jacket, advances

de-escalates with a, *just be cool man, just be cool.*  
*Kool*, says the bloke, *Lady, don't talk to me abowt kool*

*if you was kool, you wut'tent be a lesbian.* Whiteys squirm  
red-jacket lets rip: *you got some kind of penis complex,*

*that's your problem. Man!*  
*Lady*, he says, *don't talk to me about Freud,*

*Freud didn't say nut'hen abowt niggers.*