

## **In My Books**

Music and lyrics by Emily Rose Simons  
From *Rebecca and Lily*

THE SUBSTITUTE WAS HANDING OUT WORKSHEETS  
THE BACK ROW WAS VAPING WEED  
THAT WAS THE ONLY CLASS TO MENTION  
THE TYPES OF CONTRACEPTION  
A GCSE TOP MARK WOULD NEED

SO I WAS FULLY AWARE THE VERY NEXT MONTH  
WHEN THERE WAS CRASH ON THE B38  
SAM'S MUM GIVES ME A LIFT  
AND HE SAID IT WAS A GIFT  
THAT HIS MUM WOULD BE A HALF AN HOUR LATE

AND EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THERE'D BE A CHANCE I'D CONCEIVE  
IT WAS THE MOST EXCITING 23 MINUTES I COULD EVER BELIEVE

SUDDENLY I WAS BEYOND HYPOTHETICAL  
SUDDENLY MY LIFE WAS SO NOT THEORETICAL  
SUDDENLY MY STORY'S MORE EXCITING THAN IT LOOKS  
I WAS LIVING THE LIFE  
I READ IN MY BOOKS

THE HEAD OF YEAR WAS TAKING ASSEMBLY  
THE NAUGHTY BOYS WERE TAKING THE MICK  
MY TUMMY STARTED CHURNING  
THE BACK OF MY THROAT WAS BURNING  
AND THEN THE GIRL IN FRONT WAS COVERED IN MY SICK

THE NURSE SAID IT WAS SOMETHING I'D EATEN  
I EAT A LOT SO IT'S FAIR TO ASSUME.  
BUT AS LOGICAL AS I AM  
I KNEW IT MUST BE SAM  
AND I WAS GOOGLING FAMILY PLANNING AS I WAS OUT THAT ROOM

AND EVEN I THOUGH 'FIRST ABORTION'S NOT SOMETHING I WANT TO ACHEIVE  
THIS IS STILL MORE EXCITING THING I COULD EVER BELIEVE

BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, I'M BEYOND HYPOTHETICAL  
RIGHT NOW MY LIFE IS NOT SO THEORETICAL  
RIGHT NOW MY STORY'S MORE EXCITING THAN IT LOOKS  
I'M LIVING THE LIFE  
I READ IN MY BOOKS

AND YES I COULD HAVE DECIDED TO FURTHER EXCITE MY STORY  
I COULD HAVE TURNED THIS EPISODE INTO A FULL BLOWN ALLEGORY  
PUSHING A BABY OUT MY VAGINA  
WOULD BE GOREY AND THRILLING AND BOLD!  
BUT CONSIDERING MY CAREER  
AND FINANCIAL  
AND PERSONAL  
AMBITIONS  
I'VE CALCULATED, I SHOULD WAIT UNTIL I'M 29 AND THREE-QUARTERS OLD.

PLUS THERE'S SOMETHING QUITE PLEASING ABOUT THE HYPOTHETICAL  
SOMETHING RATHER COMFORTING ABOUT A LIFE THAT'S THEORETICAL  
FOR A WHILE MY STORY WILL BE AS BORING AS IT LOOKS  
ONE DAY WILL LIVE THE LIVES  
BUT UNTIL I CAN LIVE THOSE LIVES  
I WILL ONLY LIVE THOSE LIVES  
IN MY BOOKS.