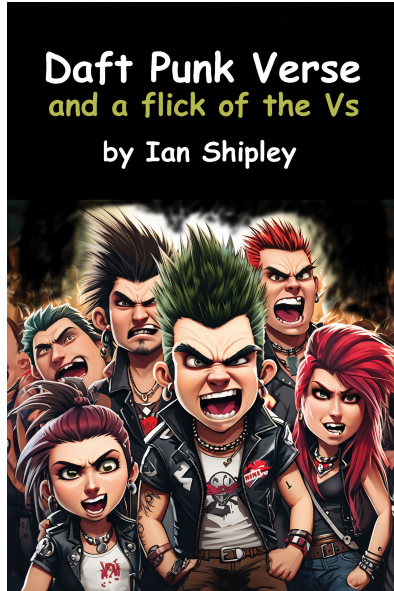




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## Daft Punk Verse and a flick of the V's

By Ian Shipley

*A Collection of punk poetry, verse from the streets and the hard life, about everyday events that might affect us all, captured with a compassionate style that we can all empathise with.*

What do you do with creativity when the bands you've fronted for 26 years suddenly call it a day?

For me, I simply mutated back to writing outrageous laughable poetry. This all began in 1981 when I had an appetite for capturing silly situations in rhyme. Over the years, I've gradually stockpiled a substantial collection of what I refer to as 'daft punk verse'.

Unlike poets John Cooper Clarke and Attila the Stockbroker, I never had the nerve to perform my poetries live, choosing instead to put daft puerile rhyme to music with my band the Screaming Willies.

So, while deliberately flicking the vs at the poetry police, here's my diverse collection of true-to-life punk malarkey, all captured in outlandish verse.

Thirty-nine punk-life poems: fights, drugs, beer and girls plus a few other peculiarities thrown in too. What else would it be?

A reviewer once said of my work: "You sir, are the best worst punk poet ever." I'll take that.

Ian Shipley (aka Ian Weird) has been involved with the UK underground punk since the early 1980's.

He shouted vocals for the Screaming Willies and Nervous Tension and produced the fanzine 'God Damn Weirdoes'

He was the main man behind D-I-Y punk record label Weird Records.

In 2012, after the bands he fronted called it a day he returned to writing and recording 'daft punk verse'.

This resulted in a 12" lathe cut record entitled 'You Can't Dance Too This' followed by the CDEP 'Ten Past Beer O'clock' and a split 7" record with Birmingham based The Hoors.

Sadly, the proposed poetry album was shelved. However, all his favourite poetries can now be found in this new book 'Daft Punk Verse and a flick of the Vs'

Ian lived in Morton near Swinderby, Lincolnshire, UK. He worked as a gravedigger. This is his seventh book.

Ian passed away in October 2024. He will be sadly missed.

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