**Reality Checkpoint**

We’d like to sing to you a piece of history

About people like you, and people like me

And take you way back to when this green got named.

He was a cook, see, at Trinity he...

Leased this fine field of green

Where bowlers pitch and spin

As we all pass by and watch or join a game.

[Bridge] The cook named Edward, he went down in history

For Parker was his name and his legacy

And the land on which we stand was handed to the common man

A lot like you and me...

Par-ker’s Piece.

Jump through a few years and we find Mr Bond

Not the one you’re thinking of; this one had less aplomb -

He’d planned a party, but it got left quite late.

And what a deadline – the Coronation

They were in quite a fix, but people wanted it

And so they moved heaven and earth to find a way (in thirteen days).

[Bridge] Fed fifteen thousand here, many more drew near

Eighteen thirty eight, the year, and food, games, fireworks, beer

Such a party never seen, right here on our city green

For people like you and me….

Par-ker’s Piece (space)- puddings

Piece (place) - pickles

Piece (mates)

Par-ker’s Piece (space)- mustard

Piece (place) - barrels

Piece (mates)

Par-ker’s Piece

Now on to Jack and the Hobbs Pavilion

Where more than cricket came to fruition

The FA football rules were created in our midst.

Too many fights had ensued upon this land

The time had come to have a consistent hand…

Applied to bring some consensus to the game.

[Bridge] Meanwhile Jack quietly worked hard on his batting technique

And scored his first ton here, the sound of willow clear

And soon the tents were gone, to give us Hobbs Pavllion

For people like me and you to play…

…on Par-ker’s Piece

From the seventeen century up to the present day

This great big stretch of green has seen all ages play

And drawn the city together in one place.

From first flights landing here to rustic sports & beer

From pounds of meat and snuff

To pyrotechnic stuff

People like us created memories in this space.

And now for you and me, this place is also ours to be

We can bring our gear and bikes and watch the world go by

Balls and people everywhere, drawn to the space and air

People like you and me…

…on Par-ker’s Piece (space)- sticky

Piece (place) - wicket

Piece (mates)

Par-ker’s Piece (space)- bolting

Piece (place) - biscuit

Piece (mates)

Par-ker’s Piece (space)- throw in

Piece (place) - tackle

Piece (mates)

Par-ker’s Piece (space)- dipping

Piece (place) - treacle

Piece (mates)

Par-ker’s Piece

[Check your reality

Kick off your history

This is the place to be (smashed for 6)]

*Other additional words if needed*

*Par-ker’s Piece (space)- bobbing*

*Piece (place) - barrow*

*Piece (mates)*

*Par-ker’s Piece (space)- silly*

*Piece (place) - mid on*

*Piece (mates)*

*Par-ker’s Piece (space)- donkey*

*Piece (place) - riders*

*Piece (mates)*

*Par-ker’s Piece (space)- striker*

*Piece (place) - rattle*

*Piece (mates)*

*Par-ker’s Piece*