

Life as Florence (Flo)

I just discovered that my grandmother lived in a house alongside Bethnal Green, a mile from where I now live. My grandmother moved into this house - her mother's house - with her three children just after she had left her husband in Canada. My Canadian grandfather then managed to persuade my grandmother to return to him back to Canada, promising that he would be a better husband.

Luckily for me, she did return and had 3 more children, the last one being my mother.

Today, the streets of Bethnal Green show signs of a life of leisure that my grandmother would have enjoyed.



*Flo's three children played
in the park while she got on
with the household chores.*



harmonia mundi

*Flo set the table for her
mother and father, her sister
and for Flo's three children.*

Flo pulled the
pram out for
her youngest,
Kay, for their
trip to the
high street.



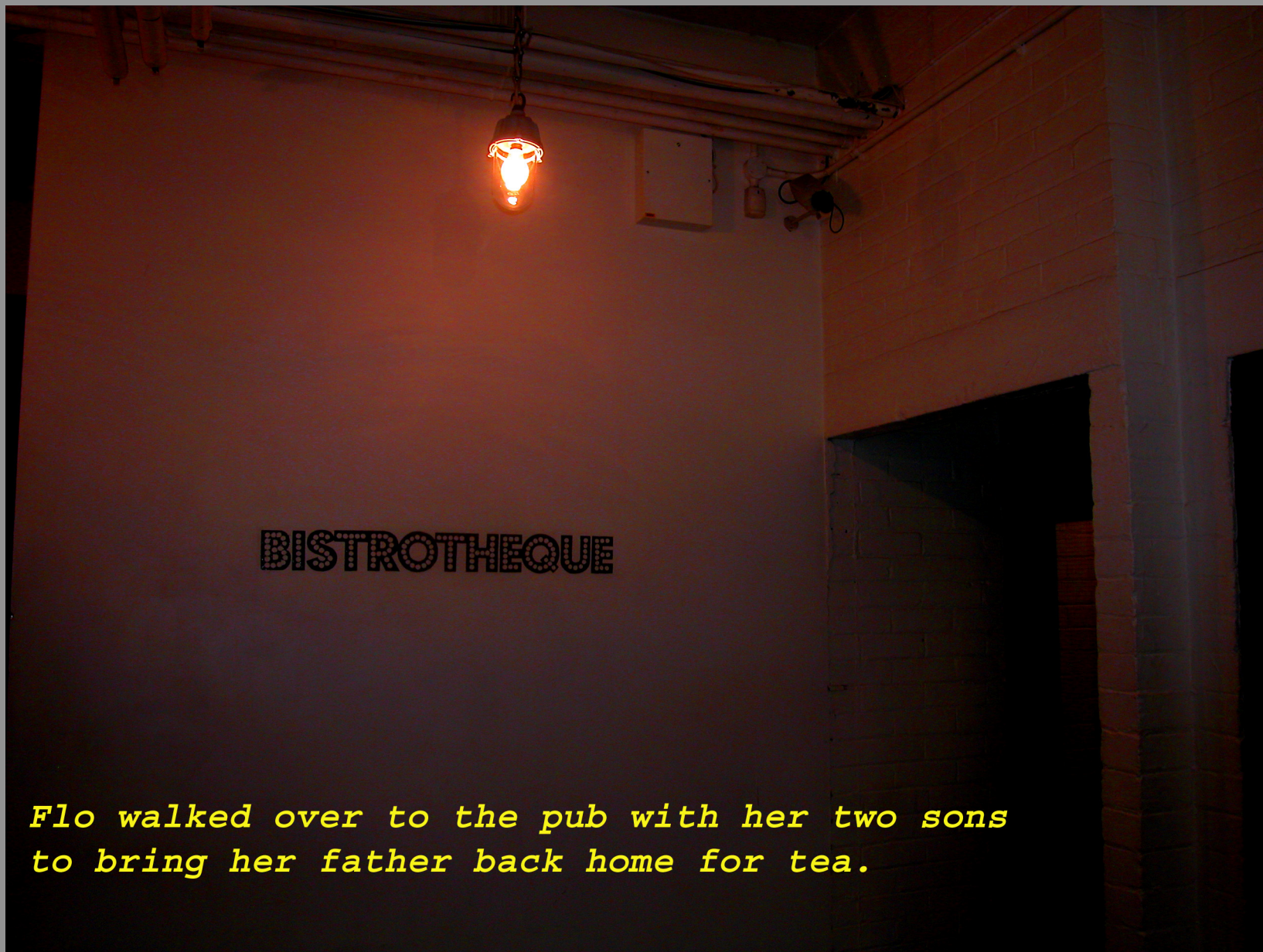
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*Flo pushed the
pram toward the
parade of shops.*



*Flo pressed her
nose on the shop
window and studied
the fruit stand.*



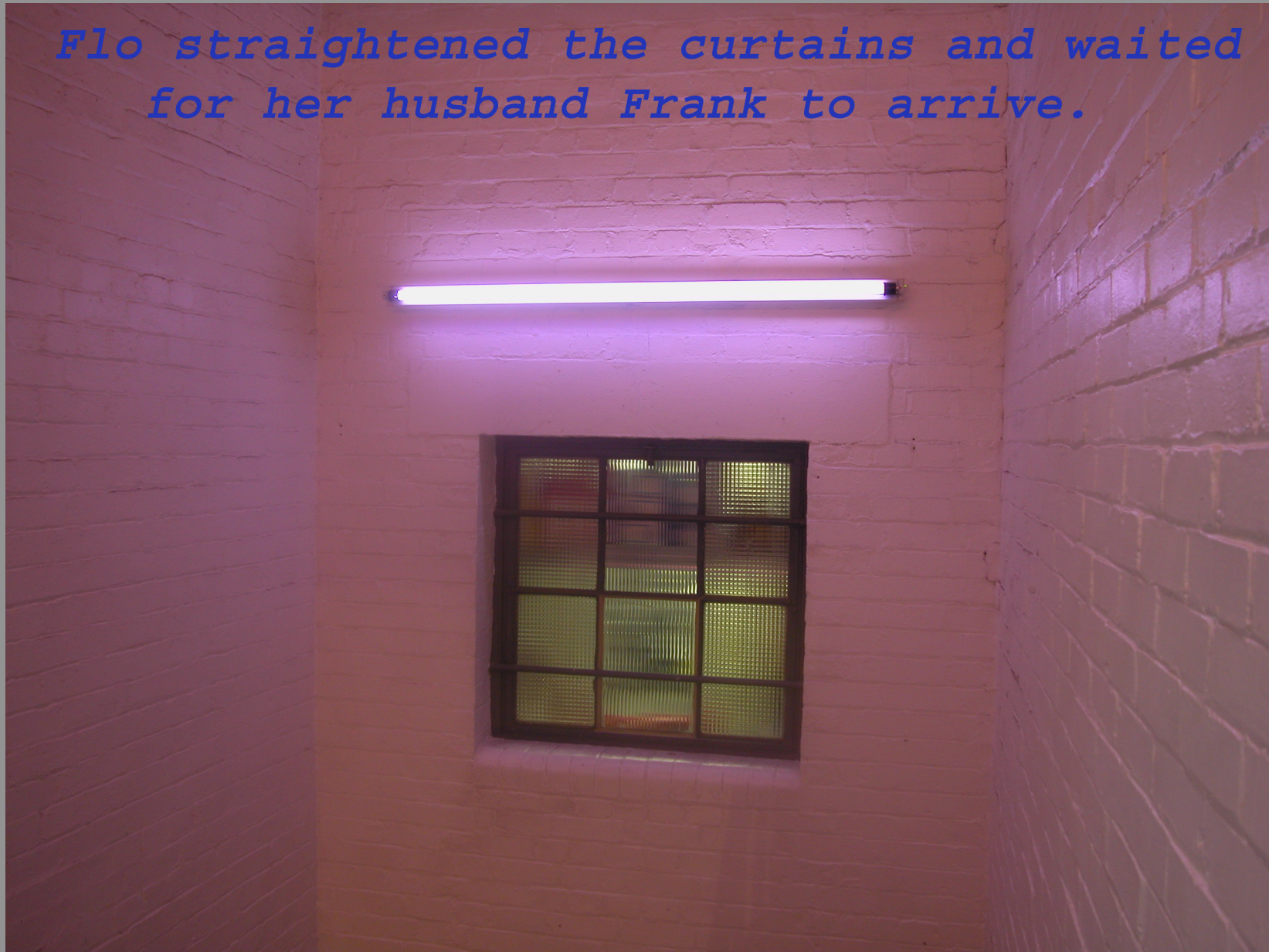


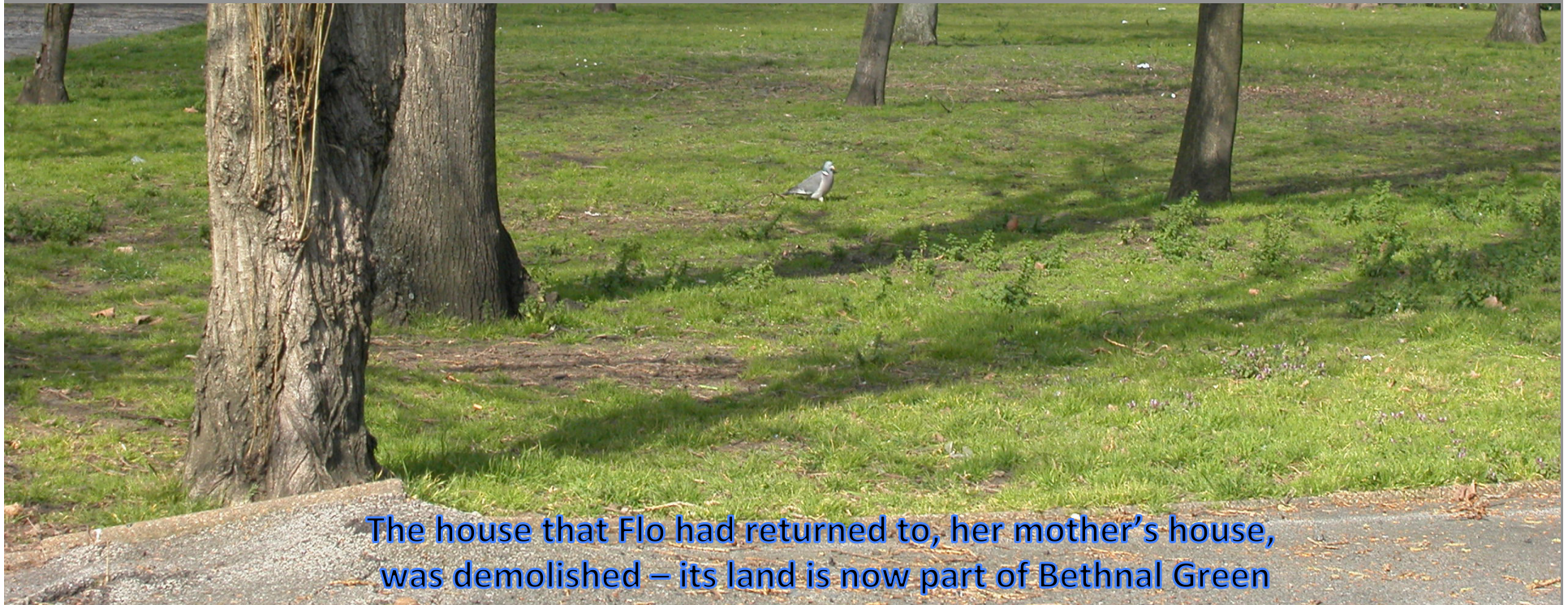
*Flo walked over to the pub with her two sons
to bring her father back home for tea.*

*Flo closed the door
and went
into the kitchen to make the tea.*

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*Flo straightened the curtains and waited
for her husband Frank to arrive.*





The house that Flo had returned to, her mother's house,
was demolished – its land is now part of Bethnal Green

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