



ENA SHARPLES & HIGH RISE FLATS



Between September 2010 and June 2011 I taught GCSE Photography to children with special educational needs. On GCSE results day in August 2011, the majority of the class got Grades A* – C!

One of the projects we covered was based on a 1968 photograph by John C Madden, which showed Violet Carson (Ena Sharples) looking out across Manchester from the balcony of a high rise flat (shown left).

The following are the photographs I took which were inspired by Madden's iconic shot.



The location is a street in Tyne & Wear, and the “flat’s balcony” is in fact a bridge over an adjacent railway line!

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P.S. The first model, a volunteer, was not aware of the photograph which had inspired the shoot!

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