

Man on 49 Bus

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We'll all have scarabs in our hearts by the time we die,
it's to be expected, it's what happens when you get older.
My mother she was from Ireland,
psychiatric nurse she was, with the places they gave the babies away,
had another use for them, I suppose.
That must be her from the Good Life, yes, Richard Briers, he's dead.
We all have opinions, yes, but I call it ageism, ageism.
Section 28 four years ago, Margaret Thatcher, the kids I taught,
all religions, Buddhists some of them.
My mother now had the Irish pension, I got my Swedish pension,
well I will at 61, I'm 59, it was my birthday last Wednesday.
Happy Birthday.
Sonny and Cher, didn't like her in that film they remade.
I got you babe, yes, that must be a scarab now mustn't it?
It's what happens when you get older.
Patrick Troughton, excellent actor, second Doctor Who,
first one to die in the Alien film, first one to die, you know.
Sodom and Gomorrah, gave all that up when I was a teenager,
that's not what's blocking up Brighton.
Nasty parents, should never have got together, no they shouldn't,
well that'll be the last of it now with me, I'm only 59.
AGEISM I CALL IT.
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it's what happens when you get older...