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Fast Trains bring the Real World to ourWorld with new single, 'On Being Poor'

Fast Trains have announced the release of new single, 'On Being Poor'. Written, recorded and performed entirely by Fast Trains' Tom Wells, the song pairs him with Grammy nominated producer **Ali Staton** (Madonna, Seal, Turin Brakes), with Staton mixing the record at Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios.

Exploding out of the blocks, 'On Being Poor' is a relentlessly driving track powered by a distorted bassline, coupled with call-and-response guitars and Wells' distinctive vocal harmonies. Typical of a recent move towards more direct and challenging lyrics, the song tackles addiction rather than wealth, and how all-consuming these dependences can become.

*Oh I long for not a fortune, not a jewel nor trips abroad
Just enough to keep the landlord in tune and the taxman keeping score
But when I'm faced with poison, you know I'll take it down with joy and ask for more*

- Lyrics from 'On Being Poor' by Fast Trains

'On Being Poor' is taken from latest Fast Trains EP **ourWorld Volume 1**; released in April the EP has already picked up support from BBC Introducing and Amazing Radio, and received funding from Help Musicians via the *Do It Differently Fund*. The EP campaign included a special 9" vinyl that sold out within 2 hours.

Like the rest of the catalogue to date, 'On Being Poor' will be released only to YouTube, Bandcamp and the Fast Trains website, a move that has seen Wells establish a passionate and dedicated following away from the playlist culture of the streaming services. There's also a feature video in development, a follow-up to 2019's award-winning 'Measure by Measure' video, which debuted at The British Animation Film Festival and went on to be screened at film festivals all over the world.

With restrictions easing, Fast Trains will be touring in support of *ourWorld Volume 1*, with Wells performing solo acoustic sets for the first time alongside the more intense full band shows. Wells' recent live stream performance from an empty Wedgewood Rooms in Portsmouth was well received for its stripped-back showcase of the songs behind Fast Trains.

With 'On Being Poor', Fast Trains have created a set closer, a frenetic dash through the darker streets of ourWorld.

'On Being Poor', the new single by Fast Trains, is released on 4th June 2021. Available on YouTube, Bandcamp and the official Fast Trains website (www.fasttrains.co.uk).

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