

Kelly and her Sisters

UK TV documentary : 2001 : dir. Marilyn Gaunt : LWT : c60 min
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Executive producer: Sally Doganis

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Radio Times listing:

“A candid documentary looking at life on the breadline for a family living in Birmingham. While things are tough, it all looks different through the eyes of the children of the house – Kelly and her sisters Sam, Amy and Jade.”

No further information currently available. Broadcast LWT 26/08/01. Children are never blind to their own poverty of course, even when surrounded by people living in equally dire straits. They simply accept the inevitability of their condition unless a point of comparison presents itself to them. And no child living in consumerist twenty-first century Britain could possibly be unaware of their own consumption limitations. But affluence is not an index of happiness, and never was, which perhaps is all the programme sets out to tell us. Why though was a family with four female children selected (statistically a very atypical household)? No doubt producer Sally Doganis and director Marilyn Gaunt had their reasons. The title may be something of a giveaway.

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