Written in memory of Barbados Rhodes Scholar Helen Carnegie, who died in a Brooklyn apartment fire, November 2000. She was a student at Tisch, New York University at the time studying the art of film-making.

Painting to the music of Piaf you stood out with works exhibiting an inky undercurrent — 19 at the time.

Yes you Helen Among the most impressive of the mid 90s 'young contemporaries'

Later came the Cave Hill drama stint. You shining in Death and the Maiden

Film was your first love you said, and that's where the final curtain found you

Remember too, the chill-of-night cliff-edge scene (like Batman's eerie Gotham) — 'Escape' you called it. Did you know even then where the roads led?