

## Beautiful Thing

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Well it took me 20 years but I finally got around to watching Beautiful Thing and what a delightful movie it is. With particularly outstanding performances from the lady who plays the Mum (now in EastEnders I think), the little black girl and the superb hippy boyfriend. I've no idea why it took me so long but I was given the DVD ages ago and only just got around to watching it.

Especially great was the idea of using the magnificent Mama Cass as a plot ingredient, enabling them to include vast quantities of her fantastic music (produced by Steve Barri, one of my favourite but under rated producers, and largely written by Mann/Weill - up there with Goffin/King as the greatest team of composers of our generation).

How strange that society has now changed in its attitude to gays so much (thanks to our 60s generation) that you would, today, have to make the lead characters/heroes paedophiles!

Perhaps Jonathan (Harvey) is working on that film at this very moment.