

Transcript of Kathleen Eames Audio Clip

Leaving home was quite – I didn't mind leaving home actually. It was so nice to get away and not having mum and dad breathing down my neck and I was old enough at that time to go into a pub and have a drink. My father didn't drink but my mum enjoyed a glass of Guinness and my brother enjoyed a drink because they were older than me anyway. My older sister, she did used to – she used to puzzle me – she used to talk about having a 'Gin & It' and of course I used to think, what is 'It'? 'It', of course, was Italian Vermouth which I didn't know about [laughs]. But at the time the drink was 'gin and orange' or 'gin and lime'. But I felt quite rebellious in a way going in to a pub, I could write to home and say, 'I've been to a pub and had a drink' [laughs]. But I think once my father saw that we could enjoy a drink and not be silly he was ok because his memories went back to when he was at work, on a Friday night, men were paid on a Friday night, and their wives would be waiting there to get some money before their husbands went off to the pub and drank it all. That was what was in his mind and that was why he didn't drink. So when he realised that we could handle a drink he didn't mind at all.