

figure 1 General Election of 14 December 1918

Party	Votes	MPs	Candidates	Unopposed	% total UKvote
Unionist	292,722	25	38	-	2.7
Irish Party	238,477	7*	60	1	2.2
Sinn Fein	486,867	73**	102	25	4.5

*includes one Liverpool

**several in more than one seat; 69 candidates entered

figure 2 Southern Ireland Elections 21 June 1922

Party	votes	seats
Sinn Féin (pro-treaty)	620,283	58
antitreaty	133,864	35
Labour/indepens/others	247,226	28*
majority pro vs. anti	6.5/1	2.5/1

*voted with pro-treaty

figure 3 British Unemployment

year	% unemployed
1929	10.4
1930	16.1
1931	21.3
1932	22.1
1933	19.9

figure 4 British Elections 1945

party	seats	%
Conservatives	210	39.7
Labour	393	47.7
Liberals	12	9
Other	25*	3.4
Total	640	

*splinter groups including 2 Communists

Philip Larkin (1922-1985)

Annus Mirabilis

Sexual intercourse began
In nineteen sixty-three
(Which was rather late for me)—
Between the end of the *Chatterley* ban
And the Beatles' first LP.

Up till then there'd only been
A sort of bargaining,
A wrangle for a ring,
A shame that started at sixteen
And spread to everything.

Then all at once the quarrel sank:
Everyone felt the same,
And every life became
A brilliant breaking of the bank,
A quite unlosable game.

So life was never better than
In nineteen sixty-three
(Though just too late for me)—
Between the end of the *Chatterley* ban
And the Beatles' first LP.