

# 1992, What I Wanted

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To be a backup dancer for Billy Ocean; that's all. I had chubby legs like a baby. They turned out awkwardly as if I had broken hips but mum said it was just the way I came out and I would grow out of it.

I knew Billy Ocean would want me as a backup dancer or part of a dance team. I'd do the roger rabbit at my audition. I'd wear my neon spadix bike shorts to stand apart from the other women wearing pink or purple. I would act like I didn't need work. I'd feel like Paula fucking Abdul. I wanted Billy to look at me and know I was the one.

At 8 years old I wanted to screw Billy Ocean on the set of the Caribbean Queen.

