

DEPARTMENT FIVE

Department Five
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Love Will (Not) Tear Us Apart

Joy Division is a legendary British band thanks to just two albums released between 1979 and 1980. With a sharp and gloomy vision of life in Manchester, they permanently marked the world music scene. Their look, a slight touch of rebellion on a clean, simple Brit style, quickly became iconic.

For Men's and Women's Autumn/Winter 2020/21 collection, Department Five celebrates the band in a double anniversary, being 1980 the year when their final album, *Closer*, was released, just a couple of months after composer and lead singer Ian Curtis committed suicide.

The last single, *Love Will Tear Us Apart* (the only major hit of the band) is now a symbol of how they successfully linked the rebellious do-it-yourself culture of the British punk to the then-upcoming New Wave scene of the Eighties. Department Five follows the same footsteps, adding a touch of contemporary vibes while trying to imagine what could have happened if all that creativity and turmoil had been channelled into a different, positive end. And to remember that double anniversary, both tragic and exciting.

The collection is entirely Made in Italy with a predominance of exclusive fabrics, to re-read its iconic pieces through unexpected contrasts, such as military jackets in a surprising black & white animalier print. Or the prestigious Loro Piana wool combined with top quality neoprene.

Both men's and women's silhouettes are fitted, though never tight.

A hand-made sprayed lettering from a small studio in the same Marche region where Department Five is based makes each garment a one of a kind piece.

Department Five keeps developing innovative finishings for tie-dye velvet, top-seller knitwear with recycled cashmere yarns and a wider range of leatherwear, while introduces a new kind of flocking denim with a velvet effect.

Vintage Joy Division photos are printed inside jackets and coat as sophisticated half-hidden detail.

Department Five believes that in such hard times Love Will (Not) Tear Us Apart: it will be the strongest force to help us all starting again.