

Citizen Fish

"Conditional Silence"

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Silence

Considering musical violence

As the airwaves break those anytime pauses

Quiet reflection on the nature of noises

Disturbing suburban platitudes

Heard a yell that created a solitude

Outside

Opened the window wide

My curiosity satisfied

It was no-one I knew so I carried on hiding

My instinctive reaction to join in the shouting

And increase the volume, but a sense of doubt in

My head

Told me to shut up instead

Return to the previous peace I'd been seeking

For no other reason than to work out a theory

That noise is just a sound on a different scale

To what we expect, so I started to yell

Out loud

Soon a curious crowd

Was standing outside looking up at my window

I looked out, they could see I was no-one they knew, so

Their instinctive reaction to be part of the noise

Or part of the reason for the silence destroyed

Got hid

"Nobody does" what I did

Except for the first son whose total immersion

In this social excursion was more than diversion

With a similar yell I could tell who he was

The voice with a noise that I'd heard, and because

One yell

Had sort of broken the spell

So we laughed and we shouted in a lack of respect

For the conditional silence that has come to connect

All the neighbours as strangers living under the treat

Of discovering life beyond what they expect

What do you expect from this?

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