

Pet Shop Boys

"The Way Through The Woods"

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They shut the road through the woods
Seventy years ago.
Weather and rain have undone it again,
And now you would never know
There was once a road through the woods
Before they planted the trees.
It is underneath the coppice and heath,
And the thin anemones.
Only the keeper sees
That, where the ring-dove broods,
And the badgers roll at ease,
There was once a road through the woods.

Yet, if you enter the woods "â€"
Of a summer evening late, "â€"
When the night-air cools
on the trout-ringed pools "â€"
Where the otter whistles his mate, "â€"
(They fear not men in the woods, "â€"
Because they see so few.) "â€"
You will hear the beat of a horse's feet, "â€"
And the swish of a skirt in the dew, "â€"
Steadily cantering through "â€"
The misty solitudes, "â€"
As though they perfectly knew "â€"
The old lost road through the woods.â€"
But there is no road through the woods

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