

The past echoes, calls, whispers, drags  
reluctance from the whirl of confused  
self-aggrandisements . . .

*Before:*

*Those quiet days before, will they return?  
Days filled with sunshine, seashore, shells;  
Days filled with countryside and peace,  
And flowers, tulips, Canterbury bells,  
The humble violet, primrose aching sweet  
As anything I knew before these hells.*

*Those quiet days before, will they return?  
Or has this blasting, screaming world  
Done with all nature's goodness here?  
Has it now out of normal thinking hurtled  
Everything, every thing that was  
Same and normal. Are all things whirlpool  
swirled?*

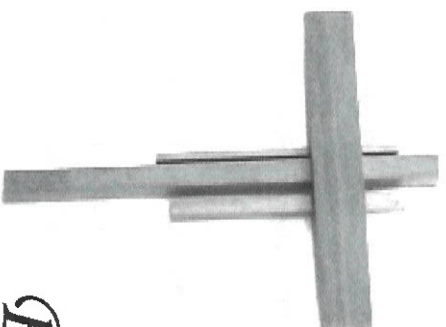
*Anon.*

This poem is taken from 'Piazza', a magazine published by Kingswood School in 1948, three years after the end of WW2; we have reprinted it as a reflection on the current state of the country, over seventy years later!



*Open woodland, Poyys*

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*Priory*

*Prayer Diary*

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*"Accept what is, let go of what was, and  
have faith in what will be ..."*

*Walt Whitman*

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## Seven thoughts: a day at a time

*("and history says, don't hope on this side of the grave, but then, once in a life-time the longed-for tidal wave of justice can rise up - and hope and history rhyme". Seamus Heaney)*

- ... Autumn - Harvest - from seed to food.
  - ☞ Pray for farmers, who sow and reap, pray for those whose land has been flooded with attendant loss of crops & livestock.
- ... Pray for Hope. (1)
  - ☞ For peace in our cities, and countries where hatred turns to violence.
  - ☞ For those who turn to gun or knife crime, who need love in their lives.
  - ☞ For those with mental illness who need help and understanding.
- ... Pray for Hope (2)
  - ☞ For young people who leave home and go missing, help us to show compassion.
  - ☞ For those with no home, those who live on our streets, those left with no home after the storm surge of hurricane Dorian.

## ... Pray we show Love

- ☞ For our families and friends,
- ☞ For those we don't know, the homeless and the un-lovables
- ☞ For those with dementia, show us patience and understanding
- ☞ Pray for carers, nurses, doctors; those who look after the vulnerable.
- ... Pray for our World
  - ☞ The pollution, the over-use and mis-use of resources and the effects of climate change.
  - ☞ The 'pollinators' we rely on for our food.Help us to be more responsible and to be less wasteful.
- ... Show us Your Light
  - ☞ "Loving God, in Christ you offer us a vision of a world transformed where all are valued, where justice reigns, where hearts are strangely warmed by Your Grace"
- ... Pray for our Fellowship here at Priory.
  - ☞ For our members and friends, for those who are unable to worship with us. Empower us to pray and work for the new heaven and the new earth in Jesus' name.

