

Two poems

Tom Boydell

How can I walk on by?

How can I walk on by
When fear shows in your eyes?
How can I walk on by
When still I hear your cries?

How can I walk on by
When a friend you want to see?
How can I walk on by
When with me you want to be?

How can I walk on by
When you put your hand in mine?
How can I walk on by
When our lives begin to twine?

How can we walk on by?
For thus we won't survive.
We both need each other
Only that way can we thrive.



[Sheffield. City of Sanctuary welcomes Little Amal.](#) Image by kind permission of [Becky Payne](#), @beckypaynephotography

In pandemic voice

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Earth - betrayed, forsaken -
Shouts, loud and clear,
"Enough! Enough!"

Shall we hear her?

Or do we prefer
The misplaced comfort
Of beguiling jabs,
That inoculate us
Against the will to act?



Tom Boydell writes

When I turned 80 I was advised to go part-time. So I'm now a part-time management development consultant, a part-time writer, a part-time actor, a part-time singer, a part-time poet, a part-time weaver and a part-time gardener. I'm glad I'm only a part-timer, otherwise I'd be worn out.

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A note about AMED

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