

Suburban Voices in Australian Poetry

1. Noun _____
2. Noun _____
3. Verb - Present Ends In S _____
4. Noun _____
5. Noun _____
6. Noun _____
7. Verb - Present Ends In Ing _____
8. Noun _____
9. Verb - Past Tense _____

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In The Park

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She sits in the _____ Noun _____. Her clothes are out of date.

Two children whine and bicker, tug her _____ Noun _____.

A third _____ Verb - Present ends in S _____ aimless patterns in the _____ Noun _____

Someone she loved once passed by - too late

to feign indifference to that casual nod.

"How nice" et cetera. "Time holds great surprises."

From his neat head unquestionably rises

a small _____ Noun _____..."but for the grace of God..."

They stand a while in flickering _____ Noun _____, rehearsing

the children's names and birthdays. "It's so sweet

to hear their chatter, watch them grow and thrive, "

she says to his departing smile. Then, _____ Verb - Present ends in ING _____

the youngest child, sits staring at her feet.

To

the _____ Noun _____ she says, "They have _____ Verb - Past Tense _____ me alive."