

Suburban Voices in Australian Poetry

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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 Her clothes are out of date.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."