

COBIS Poetry Competition 2022

Looking Ahead

Key Stage 3 Winner

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Hail that joy, and hail this sorrow,
From dull oblivion to mercurial detail;
Befall today, and befall tomorrow,
For whence together, I drop my veil!

As I mark walking sadness in fair weather,
And hear a hearty laugh amidst the thunder,
Fair and free I ponder together,
With sweet and sour kept asunder.

Wandering through isles of void souls,
Like so-called trees in deciduous strolls;
I know this place, I've been here before,
A dream or memory I fathom to ignore.

Standing here, alone it seems,
Up ahead, uncharted dreams,
Half the win at twice the cost,
The chances we thought we'd lost,
May not be so vainly lost;

But who are we to chart the course,
To set the stage and sense the force?
Laugh and cry, but laugh again,
Oh, the sweetness of the day, amen!

The dreams of eight billion peers,
Complete with all the mirth and cheers;
The days of doom are closing fast,
The promise of a day now past.

Where the world surpassed the fragments,
Where words do spring from the truth;
Where reason hasn't lost its way,
Into the dark desert of desolate dismay.

Where the mind is led forward by thee,
Into ever-evolving thought and action;
Into a heaven of freedom,
Dear God, set us free.

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