



Hope for the world

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Hope Is Like A Bouncing Ball

Everyone has to have some
It's like the bounce in a ball
And if you don't have it
What d'you do when you fall?

I thank the thought of Rachel Carson
For writing Silent Spring
Those two words are the hell I don't want
to know
Silent Spring

Hear the birds singing now
They are my lifeline, the sound of hope
My connection and constant reminder
Of nature's cycles, and beauty and grace
Here in Scotland's borderlands, how does
that feature?
Best of all, it's the joy of hearing the
year's first oystercatcher, swallow, or
curlew
Everything is okay with those sweet
sounds reaching your ear.

An aunt once told me when I was young
You've got to know the downs so
You appreciate the ups when they come
around

It doesn't matter who you are
Poor, rich, quick or slow
Or if the chips are up or down
Without hope
there's nowhere good to go.

Hope is in our day – today
And breathes to give us future
A faith that we can overcome
And we can make life better.

What is this climate change?

Too often I hear it said:
Climate Change? Too hard
too much of a stretch
too distant
up to others
I don't count
I'm no worth
I don't know how to garden
Or make my home warm
without the boiler on
Who gives a dam
Live for the moment and
Grab what you can
Because tomorrow is
A hell storm
Which has nothing to do with me...
I've got today to contend with
Don't you see?
Why should I worry about
A hell storm
Which ain't nothing to do with me...

Does it really have nothing to do with me?

If you don't have hope
You'll find it hard to cope

Hope is the champion inside of us
It's the chemistry which lifts us
Lifts me out of morning bed
Back into action, up for a new day.

Hope is what keeps us trying hard
When the news is bad and people are
unkind
And hope grows from doing together
Of working and being alongside like mind

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Thanks to inspiration from Toni Morrison



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