

Young woman with dog

Waiting by the worn stone steps
hidden by the hood of a green wool coat.
Raindrops collected on the back of her pure white dog.
The cinema was unexpectedly closed.

Man in car

The Range Rover mounted the pavement
its driver texting Thailand, reversing against the arrows.
His day had gone from bad to worse,
the car park was unexpectedly closed.

Elderly couple on bench

They named the grandchild before it was born,
but Joseph made her own plans.
Life grows straight when there's plenty of love.
The courtroom was unexpectedly closed.

Boy in shorts

In the coal yard the boy was learning to spit.
Everything smelt of the black dust,
some patches darker than others.
The playground was unexpectedly closed.

Figure sat in doorway

Living as a silhouette
only shadows to fill the stomach
until the next sunrise
The back door was unexpectedly closed.

Teenager with bike

It was now or never.
He could still taste the blood from last time.
Would the others ever know?
The cemetery was unexpectedly closed.

A Note from the Director:

The locals are feeling uneasy as a film crew
unexpectedly arrives in their small town
disrupting their daily routine.

Their brief cameos have been captured
in this series of short 'frozen frame' poems -
as if they were extras on location in a film.

Briefly they become the focus
as their fleeting yet complex roles
are observed in detailed isolation.

Answers are not provided

mysteries not solved

the camera moves on.



Left hand racing to her ear
she only felt one peacock feather.
With no contingency plan
the exhibition was unexpectedly closed.

Woman in evening dress

Lidl trolleys clashing together,
a mother talking at her son.
Smoking through a veil of lank hair
he mumbled something about a coin.
The supermarket was unexpectedly closed.

People in crowd

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