

## Villanelles

1

(the apartment block)

That solemn rhythm of work, work, work,  
Which works its way through us slowly,  
The weakened stares and the idle talk.

Some apartments change hands every fall,  
New jobs and prospects come up promptly,  
That solemn rhythm of work, work, work.

Few topics excite us anymore,  
Our civilised recourse is to, only,  
The weakened stares and the idle talk.

But we do answer each and every call,  
There is one thing which we reflect on fondly:  
That solemn rhythm of work, work, work,

We are not actually forlorn,  
It is just that life goes on so drolly:  
The weakened stares and the idle talk.

And should you attempt to give us a score,  
There would be little to be found, solely  
That solemn rhythm of work, work, work,  
The weakened stares and the idle talk.

2

(the city-centre cafe)

Hushed voices, whispers, a charged eye-glance,  
Attempting to bridge the gap brought on by time,  
And breaking news of unspecified significance.

The lightning brings out a doubtful exuberance,  
It grants the conversations an incongruous shine:  
Hushed voices, whispers, a charged eye-glance.

Each person on the look-out for a specific entrance:  
When that happens, giving a warm, welcoming smile,  
And breaking news of unspecified significance.

These meetings are never left to chance,  
Their intimacy is engineered by design:

Hushed voices, whispers, a charged eye-glance.

And we keep talking with a brilliance  
That seems, against all odds, to never decline,  
And breaking news of unspecified significance.

These places are tied to a certain abundance  
Of people, objects, themes of every kind:  
Hushed voices, whispers, a charged eye-glance,  
And breaking news of unspecified significance.

3

(the hotel)

Craving to have a much-needed break,  
And inspired by our honest advertising?  
Relieving your weariness: the hotel by the lake.

City life and its intricacies make you ache,  
Long for escape: holiday-fantatising,  
Craving to have a much-needed break.

Let not the solution to this be fake,  
Do come here for moments of intensely felt socialising.  
Relieving your weariness: the hotel by the lake.

Enjoying yourselves is not something you take  
Lightly: a situation you have been dramatising,  
Craving to have a much-needed break.

We promise, we will help you shake  
Off your worries, and also do some life-revising.  
Relieving your weariness: the hotel by the lake.

Choosing the place to stay at is make-or-break.  
Here, you will surely do a lot of thrill-synthesising.  
Craving to have a much-needed break?  
Relieving your weariness: the hotel by the lake.