

A Pedestrian's Lament

Cyclists on the pavement on my walk from day to day
Coming straight towards me as if I am in the way

If they used the cycle lane all would be calm and bright
We'd all get our exercise, we'd all stay upright

So cyclists on the pavement pedalling here and there
Think of the pedestrians, please think, and have a care

There are prams and there are buggies precious cargo after all
There are dogs – all shapes and sizes with their owners large and small

So with your green credentials, enjoy the good fresh air
But leave the narrow pavement to those who should be there.

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