

Yardley Night Song

A collaborative Gather Place poem

My town is the sound of rain pouring
down the street into storm drains.
It is the home of the ducks as they quack and hiss
to protect their ducklings from humans.

My town is old.
It is historic and knowledgeable.

My town is quiet, yet bustling.
It is Canal-o-ween and Harvest Day.
It is the rainy days with only cars driving
to get home.

My town is small.
It is quaint and quiet, except on the weekends.
My town is...

My town is....
an antique dollhouse furnished with old and new expressions of daily life.
It is living with a toe in many eras.

My town is a vast parcel of sacred dirt.
It is a faded piece of vellum and indigo ink.
It is a tired old woman.
It is a newborn.

My street is a Quaker Farm, in another life.
It is lined with sycamore and tulip trees.
It is gently curved and welcoming.
It is full of memories.

My house is a space held for a departed friend.
It is held in love, inside and out.
My house is waiting, but not silent.
It feeds all who call it home, inside and out.

My street is colorful.
It is purple and blue.

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My street is family, a reliable outpouring
of support and love.
It is a safe haven.
It is a place to rebuild, rest, rejuvenate.

My town is like a puppy.
Always excited, always happy
and loving in a way that makes you feel
warm inside your heart.
It is fun and makes you feel like you can do anything
you want in the whole world.

My town is joined through tunnels
under flowers bulbs and shrubs.
It is crisscrossed with commuters,
break lights and turn signals.
My town links routes with canal banks.
It is trout stocked waters and duck feeds.

My neighborhood is a cookie cutter façade.
It is odorless, tasteless, and quiet.
It is a no contact disinfectant.

My town is silent, but loud.
It is filled with young and old.

My town is rediscovery,
from where I am from,
the place I was raised remembering
joy and love.

My town is alive.
My town is home.

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