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‘Is there anybody there?’ said the Traveller,
Knocking on the moonlit door;
And his horse in silence chomped the grasses
Of the forest’s ferny floor;
And a bird flew up out of the turret,
Above the Traveller’s head;
And he smote the upon the door again a second time;
‘Is there anybody there?’ he said.

The Listeners, Walter de la Mere

1. Is there anybody there?

I do sometimes wonder. I wrote 247 emails last week to those who had not already booked for the Trafalgar Night Dinner – and got 5 responses.

Numbers are down this year. The big wider world is quietly tying itself in knots so coming to the dinner could be a way of escaping it all for just a few hours.

An ‘expert’ on these dining matters says I should not go for a Sunday night or even midweek. Saturday is the night. But room fees escalate for a Saturday night booking. It could add between \$60 -\$80 per ticket or even more depending on location.

I argue that \$145 is good value for a full meal, wine, port and music. Do you have any views?

Is there anybody there? Details are on bocwashdc.org

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