

The second edition: with extra poems, and extra images, credits and what a Haiku? No 2

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## Foreword

This is the pamphlet devised after the workshop of the same name.

The aim of the workshop was to collaborate with other Sutton Borough residents to create a selection of unique community poems that offshoot from the main poem (see the back of pamphlet) by Manny Gaskin. And donated to the Community at large as part of the Creative Connections online Arts Festival.

The pamphlet is however a natural evolution of the process whilst simultaneously being a new work.

The Workshop made over a Zoom (Internet video) call in an interactive slide show, gave spoken word and poetry precedents and showed how the collaborative process can go from Pen to Jazz instruments and from scribble to musical arrangement. Culminating in attendee performances. But try capturing that in a 2d format.

So this is something fresh. The collaborative process and memories of that workshop complemented with bespoke art works and 4 cut n' paste additional poems made from the contributions of the attendees, glorious poetic souls each one.

Manny Gaskin (2021)



# PLEDGE

## 1. Read Out Loud

Acceptable outlets for this to be:

To yourself

To one other person

To a small audience.

Or to be read and posted up on social media –  
so soundcloud, YouTube, tik tok,  
in a podcast, all examples, but get it out there!



**Whose Poem is it Anyway?**

There is a Hadrian like wall,  
By St Philomena's that leads  
To Carshalton by the sea!

**I have been to other places  
and there is no place I would rather be!**

There is a shard of glass  
Heralding the yuletide arrival  
Of Saint Nicholas

**So pray see off all rivals  
11 million pounds entitles  
That the downturn is soon to pass**

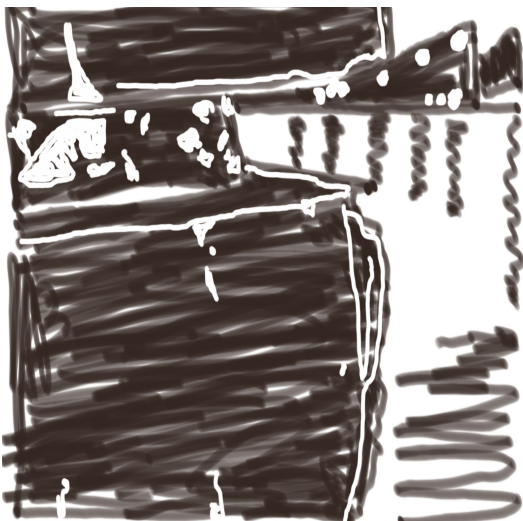
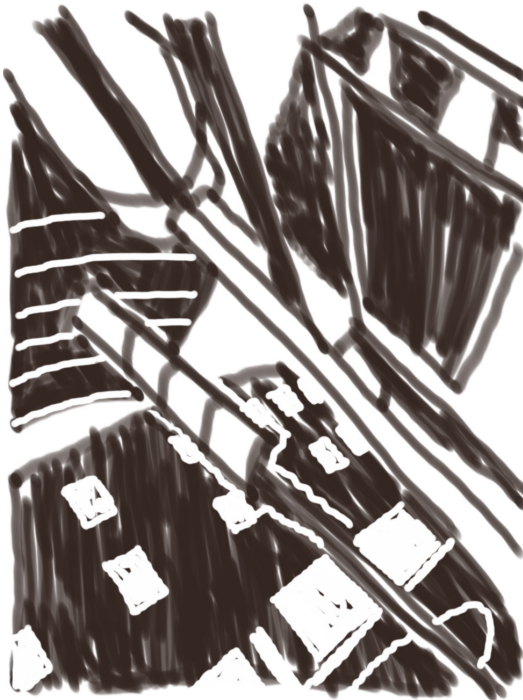
When the snowfalls,  
Or the environmental minstrels call,  
And the Catherine wheel spins  
In the dip

**The community cradle gathers us up  
If you roll down it head over hip.**

We all love our borough  
Hey, we care for each other  
Because Sutton's  
London's Jewel in the Crown.

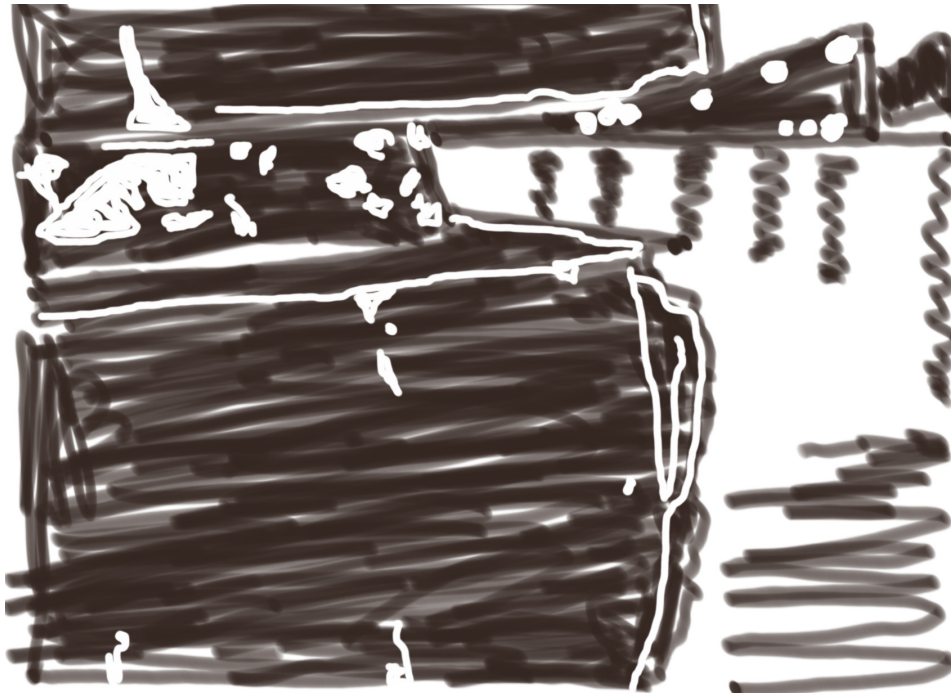
**It will capture your heart  
and spin you around and never let you  
Feel down!**

**Manny(2021)**





Carshalton Ponds (2021) Memory Sketches / Cut n Paste poem



**A small sea -  
with a path running through  
and a bridge**

**The sea I cannot see  
But The Wandle calls to me**

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**The Home of Swans' Madcap Revelry**

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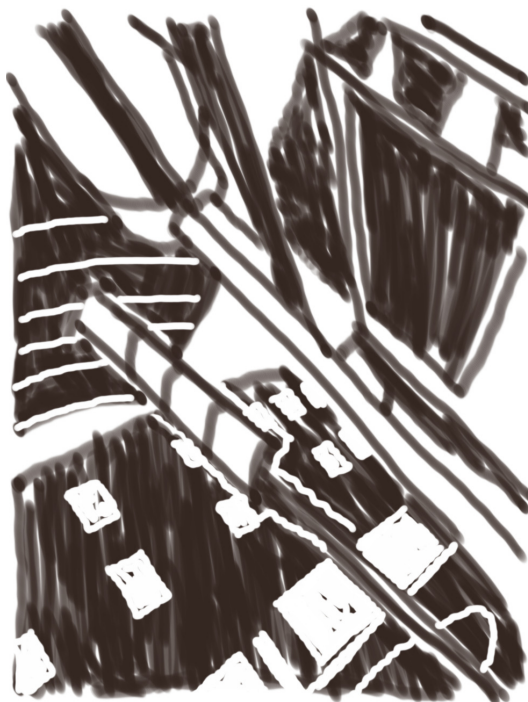
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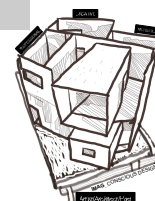
**Let's lift it up, not put it down  
This artful place, a welcoming town**

**Doug(2021)**

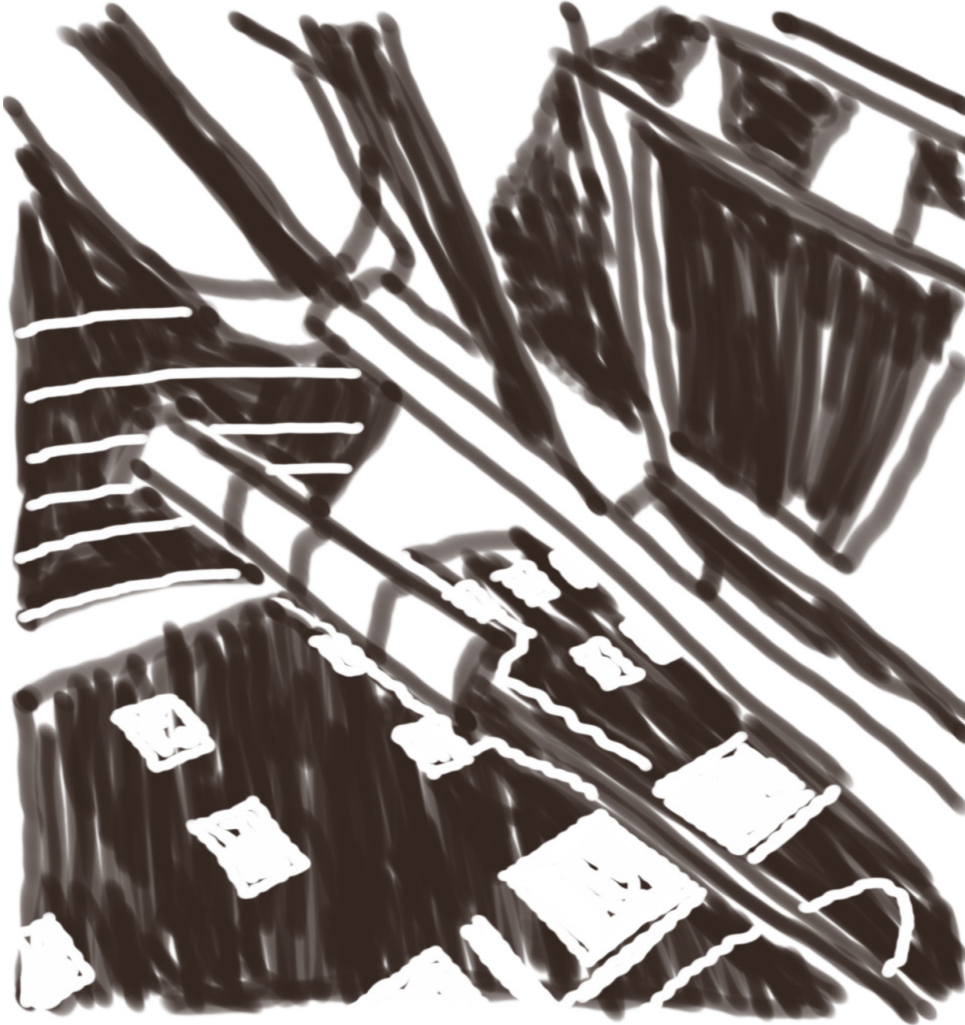
**Haiku**

Birds call in the trees  
Sound cascades like waterfalls  
Their songs lift my heart

Doug(2021)



St Nicholas Centre (2021) Memory Sketches/Cut n' Paste poem



It shines when darkness  
Slowly falls  
A candle burns-

As Christmas Lights the Hearts That Pass

Is it open or is it closed?  
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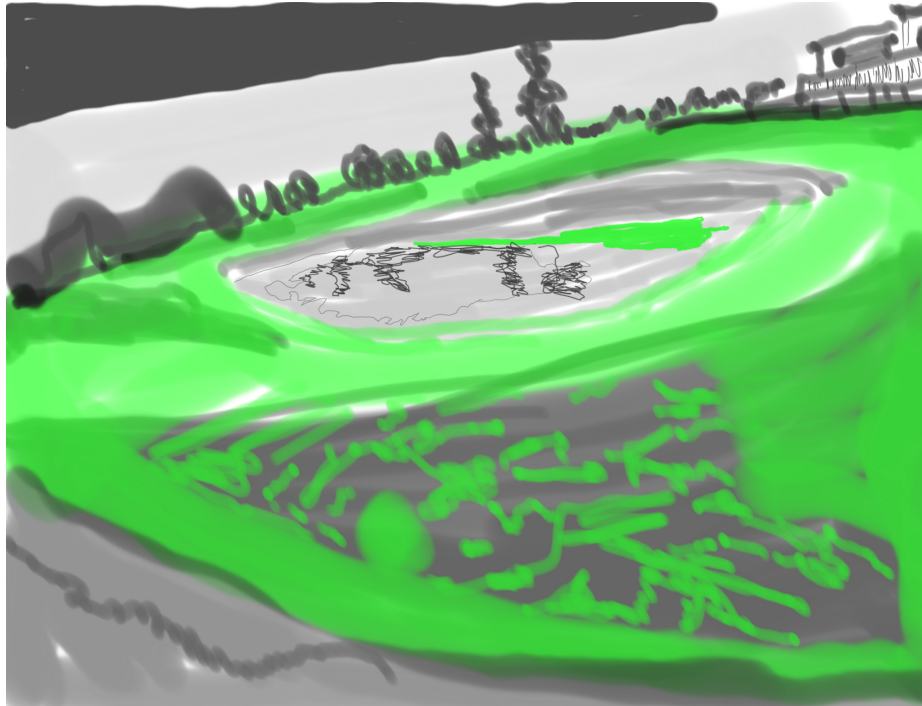
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**So many kinds of people  
Living, Learning together  
gentle progress - let's keep going**

**Tracey (2021)**



Carshalton Park (2021) Memory Sketches/Cut n' Paste poem



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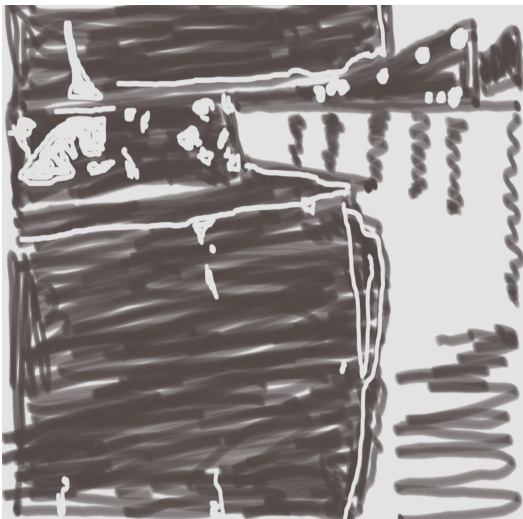
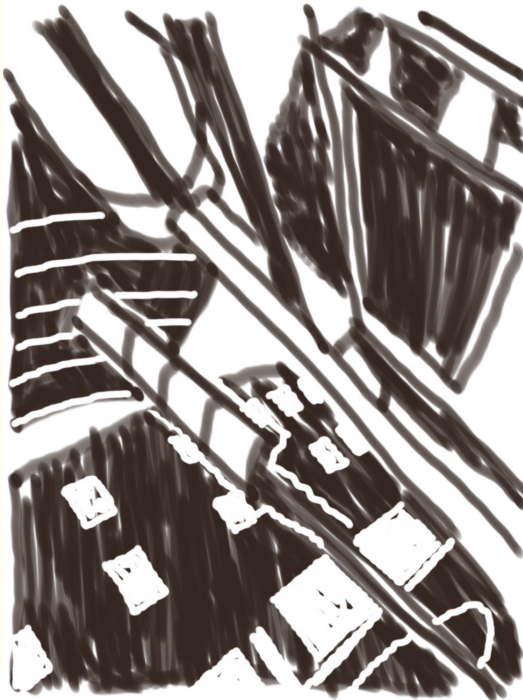
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**Our Creative Hearts Lighten our Frown**

**Samia(2021)**



T.K. MAXX Window (2021) Memory Sketches/Cut n' Paste poem



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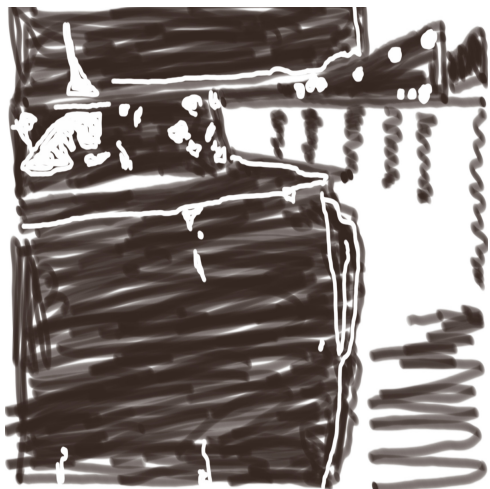
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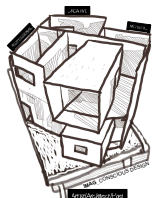
Neal(2021)

**Haiku**

I went to Beddington Park this  
morning and drew, then came  
home and did a Haiku:

Bed-ington cold still  
A sharp dazzle in the glow  
Your warmth lifts the soul

Neal(2021)



Whose Poem is it Anyway?  
Write your Lines in the Spaces

Water Tower (2021) Memory Sketches/Cut n' Paste poem



Five horizontal grey bars of varying lengths, intended for writing lines of a poem.

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YOU(2021)





### Thank you

Thank you for your words and participation  
Samia Tossio, Tracey Downing, Neal Vaughan

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Dedicated to Mum, Son and all the residents of my beloved borough Sutton

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