

Suburban Voices in Australian Poetry

1. Noun
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3. Verb - Present Ends In S
4. Noun
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7. Verb - Present Ends In Ing
8. Noun
9. Verb - Past Tense

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In The Park

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She sits in the _____Noun_____. Her clothes are out of date.

Two children whine and bicker, tug her _____Noun_____.

A third _____Verb - Present ends in S_____ aimless patterns in the _____Noun_____

Someone she loved once passed by - too late

to feign indifference to that casual nod.

"How nice" et cetera. "Time holds great surprises."

From his neat head unquestionably rises

a small _____Noun_____..."but for the grace of God..."

They stand a while in flickering _____Noun_____, rehearsing

the children's names and birthdays. "It's so sweet

to hear their chatter, watch them grow and thrive, "

she says to his departing smile. Then, _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____

the youngest child, sits staring at her feet.

To

the _____ she says, "They have _____ me alive."

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