
OUR TOWER
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Our Tower is grey.

Concrete and grey.

Boring, hard and grey.

But Our Tower is high
so very high.
From its fabled height
we can see rushing waves of green
beyond the grey of the estate,

beyond the black of the roads,
beyond the aches of our legs.

From the window of Our Tower
we see a tree gazing up at us
with big leafy brows.



It sings in rustles and whooshes.
Rustles and whooshes
that only we hear.
That the passers by
down below
cannot hear.
Have forgotten how to hear.





But we do
and the song vibrates within us.

Down the steps we creep,
past the lifts and bin chutes
and the bags of rubbish and door mats,
away from the overheard coughs and barks.
Away from the satellite dishes.
We creep away from Our Tower.















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