

Thought for the day – Wednesday 23rd March 2022

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Parable and Paradox Good Samaritan Malcolm Guite

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Luke 10. 25-37

How do we hear again the force of this,
Since 'Good Samaritan' slips off the tongue
As comfortable a phrase as any is,
Worn smooth because we've heard it for so long?
Who is my neighbour? We don't need to ask,
We know that we already know the answer,
We know the duty but we shun the task.
Fear of the other grips us like a pincer;
What if they crossed our path, those refugees?
Who'd meet the costs when needs just multiply?
We fear those questions and our spirits freeze,
It's easier to turn and walk on by.
Cross over to us, whose dark paths are crossed,
Samaritan whose cross defrays all cost.

At the moment our thoughts on refugees are being concentrated. So many people are moving.

Where can they find a home?