

Who is your neighbour?

Tell me, who is your neighbour?
Do you ask their name;
do you smile hello;
do you catch their eye
and let them know
'Wherever you're from,
whatever you do,
in this place
there's place for you'?

Tell me, who is your neighbour?
Have they been here long
or are they new;
every creed and colour,
or just like you?
Are they up or down?
Are they rich or poor?
What have you done to declare
'Let's be strangers no more'?

Tell me, who is your neighbour?
Do you take the time
to try to hear
the things they say
and hold so dear?
Do you notice when
they laugh or cry,
and share their lives
as time goes by?

Tell me, who is your neighbour?
Does your life path twist
and rise and turn
to meet with them
and from them learn
about all things -
both old and new -
till you become
more fully you?

Let us stop, take a look at our neighbours:
They're from every corner
of every land,
awaiting your smile,
your nod, your hand -
a little sign
to somehow send
the message 'You're home,
I welcome you, friend.'

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