

A photograph of a park area. In the foreground, there is a paved path and a wooden bench. Behind the bench is a grassy field. In the background, there is a brick building with a chimney. The sky is overcast.

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*i live beside the park –
derker park – not large –
a magpie park
with grass and thistles tangling
a mown patchwork lawn –*

*between collapsing fences
roses push their thorns
into twisting masses
with irises between –*

*black-white magpies –
slouching passers-by –
stray dogs sniff
a crouching patch of green –*

*halfway children
smoke their cigarettes
tossing butts into the grass
between empty cans
and bottles shattered
in the rubbish of old dreams.*

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