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Time of Need

Nobody told the pigeons
who carried on as if...
Cooing and pecking
preening on broken
chimney pots
waiting for the old man
who scatters crusts
breaks bread to feed
the faithful in this
time of need.

Uncertain Times

Every Sunday morning
like the Angelus
the subway Tannoy blares:

*This station is being
evacuated. Please leave
by the nearest exit.*

First time I heard it,
I thought it must be
a fire, a bomb, a crash

till I realised it was only a test,
a *just in case*, though you always think
it could never happen

These days I'm not so sure

Pigeon Jazz

Doo-do-doo
their music coos
from roof tops and chimney pots
Do-doo-do
above the laid back silence
of the city below
learning how to improvise
Do-do-doo

Monk

A man stoops down
to talk to the birds
hooded like a monk in
his robes of coffee
coloured fleece.

Urban Symphony

It starts with a sharp
staccato bark
above the thumping bass
the rumble of trucks
on the still wet road
fanfare of sirens
blasting through
fast fading into blue
gives way to the shrill
high winds that whistle
through tree top twigs
deft and slender
delicate fingers
playing their notes
as a blackbird flutes
on the lamppost below
in the neon spotlight glow

Easter

The canvas grows weary
for the stroke of the brush.
Who needs this stone white purity
when spring begins to pulse
sap green and bismuth yellow
bright as a broken egg.

After the Rain

Look how blue
the sky becomes
how sharp the shadows
fall into focus as if
viewed through sparkling
glass wiped clean
after the rain.



Eileen Farrelly lives in Scotland. Her poems have appeared most recently in *The Gladrag*, *Marble* and the *Writers' Café Magazine*. *Tryst*, a sequence of short poems, will be published as a micro chapbook by Nightingale and Sparrow Press in January 2021.

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