

# A Visit

Atlantic crossing – childhood home  
town and country stay the same  
red-brick buildings patchwork fields  
tennis watching Wimbledon  
extended family nurturing  
with conversation, food of June  
sweet English strawberries  
new potatoes salmon, wine  
careers advance children grow

hillside walks and verges wild  
with elderflowers, cow parsley  
foxgloves medley tangled grassland  
public walks on farmers' lands  
they take for granted all of this

open studio cream for tea  
paintings delicate and bright  
I see a snippet of her life  
which carries on apart from me

Losely House well-tended gardens

river strolling, fish and chips

Encaenia Keble Somerville

traditional but cutting-edge

my parents often need to rest

Minster Lovell Ringwood Farm

cottages with rose and thatch

Oxford-Macclesfield by train

stone walls hill views windy Teggs

he knows my past not my todays

birthday barbecue for all

animation everywhere

lavender fields climbing wall

Queen Vic lunch

all invited his treat

maybe they were busy

time to go home

Anne Emerson, 2009

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