

St Mary's Poetry Competition 2024: Unity and Connection

The Duty of the Poet

If poetry only ever expressed the personal emotions of the poet alone;

It would never be understandable,

Interesting,

Or coherent,

To anyone else.

It would not be a form of art!

The poet, she takes these knots of confusing thoughts,

Chaotic emotions,

and crumbling feelings;

She takes them and sits,

Using just her words,

Untangling,

Unwinding,

Unbinding each knot and tangle,

She connects each human with similar souls in understanding,

And makes things intelligible again, as if it is her duty to do so.

Untying and unifying and then welding together us all together,

So we don't get lost in the chaos again,

She binds us with a mutual understanding,

We read and digest her work and suddenly

~ we are all stuck together without ever meeting.

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