

# Untitled

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(read at my sister Kathy's funeral)

There were two highlights of the day throughout those weeks of the CV19 lock down.

One was a walk in the Wild Wood with the three dogs: Sula, Kathy's 12yr old Alsatian; Mum's wee Jasper, a 10 year old miniature Jack Russell now in my care; and my Kai, a Dalmatian/Collie cross aged 2 ½ years with boundless energy and so swift.

Kathy and Sula would take it slowly; Jasper and Kai might be off the lead and running free, Kai's freedom run a delight to see. Everybody, dogs and humans both, happy under the speckled green light and the strong, bright sun flooding in where there is a break in the tree cover. Dappling light on rippled water and the little river singing its song.

Soothing  
Carefree  
Happy Time

The second highlight of the days when I managed to call in at my house, into the back garden for a tete a tete with Kate and sometimes her daughter Rhiannon. Coffee in the sunshine, sharing songs and singing along, sometimes our own words sung.

Her son, Caiman's choice sent to his Mum from his sickbed:  
"Bacach Shiol Andai"

In English, "The Lament of the Hare"

Kathy's theme tune and the song of the moment: "Love and Hate" by Michael Kiwanuka.

I miss my sister Kathy.  
My heart aches.  
My soul weeps  
My intellect struggles  
I miss my sister  
Kathy

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Eden  
despoiled  
the cottage  
now  
All apple trees cut  
bar two young saplings  
& logs made

Stacked reproachfully  
against the out-house  
that would act as garage  
or keeper of things.  
Anything that didn't  
mind weather  
but needed to keep dry.  
Bicycles in there  
Now all open  
to wind and rain  
at the far corner seen  
best from the back  
And a weird moat  
around the loft shed.  
Everything marred  
and  
broken.  
If I'd wanted to enter

there was the side window  
of the lounge  
open  
space enough for me  
to manoeuvre  
inelegantly  
through  
access granted  
but declined.

No wonder  
the strange train  
of events  
that led  
to  
such  
unhappiness

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