

WHY AM I HERE

WHY AM I HERE IN HOWFEN?
MY JOURNEY'S BEEN SO SHORT,
BORN IN WIGAN, ATHERTON RAISED,
NEW PASTURES RARELY SOUGHT,
OTHERS HERE IN HOWFEN,
THEIR JOURNEY, TOO LONG,
PERSECUTION AND PREJUDICE,
MADE THEIR BIRTHPLACE FEEL SO WRONG,
WHY ARE WE HERE IN THIS BOROUGH?
IT'S NOT AWASH WITH CHARM,
BUT FRIENDLINESS AND UNITY,
KEEPS US FROM HARM,
WHY AM I HERE IN HOWFEN?
WELL, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW,
THIS IS THE PLACE I CALL HOME,
AND I HOPE THAT YOU DO TOO!

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