

Quiet joys amongst sad sad truths

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The breeze on my face delights
as does the warm sun on my knees.
The boy glances at me and our smiles spread.
Joyful moments poignantly experienced.

And, when the sound of birds has gone.
No colour to catch my eye.
There will not be enough
tears for such a sorrow.

Our ecology so disrupted.
And, for too long, unbearable terror and trenchant denial.
And then the surprise
that reality embodied can evoke a calm accord.

It does not matter to me, who shall survive.
When I die you will live.
And you may live, as I once did, in calm accord
amid quiet joys and sad sad truths.



Elizabeth Synnot lives on the Redcliffe Peninsula just north of Brisbane. Each month she meets with a 'climate' group called, What's on your mind? Over the group's two-year life it has become a place of sharing our current experience, thoughts, research, reading and our emotional journey. The group is open and meets in a community hall in Paddington, Brisbane.

Elizabeth is the group leader.