

Winning entry

There is no time, Faith-Ann Fitzpatrick, Wycliffe College

No time they said
Put down the pen
Lay it to rest
There is no time

Listen to us they said
No time they said
Put down the pen
We are right
Trust us they said

Behind the locked doors
The closed curtains
The lonely room
In which I silently obey
When I am hidden away

There is too much time they said
What are we going to do they asked
Pick up the pen I said
I'll pick up the pen
Write the words

This beautiful world.

Commentary

'There is no time' is about the contrast in my life before and during lockdown. It shows my inner voices keeping me busy and then them getting lost when there is nothing to do. In my busy life I didn't notice much about the world around me, I was too focused on work. However, now my lifestyle has come to a standstill giving me the chance to look around. Pausing and writing.