

The poem was written, line by line, in Druitt Gardens, by members of the community, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010, at



## COMMUNITY POEM

**THE SEA, THE SEA, HOW BEAUTIFUL, HOW STRONG, HOW MOODY,  
THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTCHURCH SEA,  
THE CRASH OF THE WAVES, SEAGULLS IN FLIGHT,  
WARM SAND UNDERFOOT MAKES EVERYTHING RIGHT.**

**HOLIDAY-MAKERS STEP ON THE FERRY,  
SUNNY WEATHER MAKES EVERYONE MERRY.  
ACROSS THE HARBOUR TO CHRISTCHURCH QUAY,  
ALIGHT ON THE QUOMPS, PLENTY TO SEE.**

**LIVING IN HIGHCLIFFE IS A DELIGHT,  
WHY SHOULD WE GO ON A LONG FLIGHT  
TO SEAS ABROAD WHICH WE CANNOT AFFORD,  
WHEN IT IS ALL ON OUR DOORSTEP?  
AND WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY:  
WE LOVE IT HERE AND IT'S WHERE WE WILL STAY.**

**HOW I LOVE VEG., BUT WHERE,  
WHEN FLATS AND APARTMENTS ARE SPROUTING ALL AROUND?  
COME AND FIND OUT ABOUT  
TRANSITION TOWNS!  
WE AIM TO HELP CHRISTCHURCH GO GREEN!**

**NO NEED TO BE LONELY,  
TO FEEL SAD AND GREY,  
GET OUT AND JOIN IN  
THE COMMUNITY WAY – GET INVOLVED IN TRANSITION!**

**SILENT WINGS OVER SOMERFORD,  
SHADOWS OF FLIGHT AND GLORY:  
PLEASURE, INDUSTRY  
AND SACRIFICE REMEMBERED.**

**CHRISTCHURCH IS A TREASURE THAT'S RARE  
AND IT'S HERE FOR ALL TO SHARE,**

**BUT PLEASE BE COURTEOUS WHEREVER YOU ROAM  
AND TAKE YOUR RUBBISH AND LITTER HOME.**

**THE COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE LOOKS AFTER THE TREES,  
ENGLISH BLUEBELLS, WILD CREATURES AND HILLSIDES;  
THEY ALSO ARRANGE FOR CLEARING THE RUBBISH, BUT PLEASE  
BE RESPONSIBLE AND CARING AND KEEP THE PLACE CLEAN  
BY PUTTING YOUR UNWANTED WRAPPERS AND BOTTLES IN THE BINS!**

**THE QUAY IS SO PEACEFUL – A PLACE TO RELAX,  
THAT’S NO LIE, IT’S A MATTER OF FACT!  
THE PARK’S A FUN PLACE TO BE,  
FOR YOU, MY FRIENDS AND DEFINITELY ME!**

**OH, WHAT A JOY IT IS TO BE  
SAILING DOWN BY THE QUAY,  
AND BOATING UP THE RUN IS A CHALLENGE:  
AN ENGINE IS A MUST TO MAKE PROGRESS – JUST!**

**CHRISTCHURCH HAS A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY  
WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, YOU AND ME;  
COME TO THE GARDEN, COME AND SEE.  
LET’S DO IT MORE OFTEN, IT’S SO ‘WOWEE’!**