Poems of Spring 2016

Northernhay Gardens

Taking the scenic route from Boots to Queen Street through Northernhay Gardens,

With its banks of daffodils and carpets of primroses,

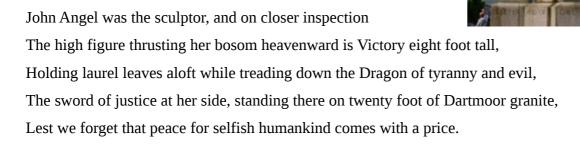
And magnolia cups battered by the storm but unbowed.

The grand statues of worthy men stand guard,

While spire, pylon and crane pierce the western skyline.

But today it's the pointing hand of Peace holding an olive branch Atop the Exeter War Memorial that commands my attention. The 4 representatives, 3 men and a woman sit and stare resolutely Past the horrors of war to the far horizons of hope.

Soldier, sailor, nurse and P.O.W. at their cardinal points since 1923.



Today's youth enjoy the sunny grassy slope by old John Dinham,

And I make my quiet way past the houses of our colourful little Balamory.

Then sixteen steps and one step more onto the Iron Bridge

With its Narnia steetlamps, turn left, hear the organ playing, and home for tea & scones.

Richard Barnes – Sat 2 Apr 2016, Northernhay Gardens, Exeter. 19240 Shrouds of the Somme – Fri 1 July 2016.





