

Alto

Maggie Holland

Arr. Helen Vincent-Tibke

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1. I rode out on a bright May morn-ing like a he - ro in a__song,

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Look-ing for a place__ called Eng-land trying to find__ where I be-long.__

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Could-n't__ find the old flood mead-ow__ or the house_ that I once knew,

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No trace of the lit tle ri - ver_ Or the gar - den_ where I grew.

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2.1 saw town and_ I saw coun-try, mo - tor - way_ and sink e - state,

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rich man in his roll - ing a - cres, poor man still out - side the gate_

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Re-tail park and bur-ger king-dom, prairie field and fact'ry farm, run by men who

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think that Eng - land's on - ly a place to___ park their car. 3. But

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as the train pulled from the sta - tion,through the waste-lands of de - spair,

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from the cor - ner of ____ my eye a bright-ness filled the fil - thy air ____

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Some- one's grown a patch of sun - flowers, tho' the soil is soot-y___ black,

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ma-ri - golds and a few tom-a - toes, right be-side the__ rail-way track

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5. So rise up George and wake up Ar-thur, time to rouse out

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from your sleep, deck the horse with sea-green rib - bons, drag the old sword

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from the deep, Hold the line for Dave and Dan - iel__ as they tun - nel

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through the clay,___ while the oak in all its glo - ry soaks up sun for___

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one more day 6. Come all of you at__ home with free-dom what

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e-ver the land that gave you birth, there's room for you__ both root and branch as

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long as you love Eng-lish earth__ Room for vole and room for or - chid **2**

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Just less room for the fat land own-er, they can stay in the Vir-gin Isles___

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It's lime-stone gorge and gra-nite fell, it's Weal-den clay and

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Se-vern mud. ro - binwatch-ing from your spade and Eng-lish earth be-

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neath_____ your nails 8.So here's two cheers for a

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place called Eng-land, sore ab - used but not yet dead, a Mist - er Hard-ing

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sort of Eng-land, hang - ing_____ in there by a thread. Here's two cheers for the

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cra - zy dig - gers, now their hour shall come a - round, we shall plant the

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seed they saved us: com - mon wealth_____ and_____ com - mon ground_____