

# **ANGLIA SQUARE LAMENT**

Anglia Square home to joy home to sorrow,  
You're standing today will you be here tomorrow?  
You've sheltered the stranger and cared for the poor,  
Where will they go when you're here no more?

Where once there flowed water and then there passed feet,  
Your courts trace the ghost of the old Botolph Street,  
Your pavements and passages calling to mind  
The voices of centuries long left behind.

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Your offices silent and broken, deserted,  
Bereft of the bustle now long since departed,  
We know you are tired and that you must go,  
The rain from above and the rot from below.

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We're caught in the middle of their tug of war  
Where will we go when you're here no more?

The home and the shop and the factory floor,  
Where will we go when you're here no more?  
Money is counted, views are ignored,  
Where will we go when you're here no more?

We speak to be heard and it's you we speak for,  
Where will we go when you're here no more?

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