

the ONE about a Street

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Pick a street
any street the world over
your street
my street
a street from any movie
a street from history
a street from a book
[or just a street you randomly Google]
it really doesn't matter
because regardless of the differences in
the climate around the street
the buildings in the street
the name of the street
the material the street is made from
stone
concrete
dirt
and even in your language
what you call a 'street'
every single one has something in common...
faces

Pick a street
any street the world over
and you will see
faces
although the faces you see

in the street you pick
may well be different
to the faces I see
in the street I pick
age
colour
gender
some faces liked and cared for by their owners
other faces hated or neglected
faces connected to bodies with an array of difference
height
shape
size
faces that today wear different emotions
high
low
nothing at all
every face
in every street the world over
shares one thing in common...
a story

Pick a street
any street the world over
and you will see
faces
behind each one
a story
each sharing some common ingredients
highs and lows
positives and negatives

good and bad
relationships
many
few
none
education
material possessions
and work
in varying proportions
hope and dreams
whether living or dead
emotions
memories and experiences...
common ingredients
but mixed in different proportions
no two stories the same
every one completely
totally unique

Pick a street
any street the world over
and you will see
faces
behind each one
a story
totally unique
which in the past
cannot be changed
ever
no matter how much you want to go back
and rewind the clock

what's done is done
the pages are full
your history written
the film of your life from birth until now
complete
so whether you're proud of your story
totally ashamed
or somewhere in between
whether you wouldn't change a thing
would change bits
or would scrap it and start again
it's done
past
written
but there's nothing in any face
in any street the world over
that tells the story
of the
future
because that is yet to come

Pick a street
any street the world over
and you will see
faces
behind each one
a story
totally unique
no two the same
and for the
future

an offer is made
common to every face
in every street the world over
an offer
from deity
[nothing too specific]
to humanity
an offer
not to re-write the past
[because it cannot be done]
but to forgive the parts of the story that need forgiving
extinguishing guilt
covering shame
restoring regret
and to offer companionship
support
and help
in writing the next chapters of the story
behind the face
so that if by chance in days to come
I should be on your street
looking into your face...
it would tell a different story
to the one it tells now