



The Carers' June Berry

Caring is the ground of human being

Trees begin
with only ground.
Shyly they cling to it,
desperate for its riches
and continuity.

May the ground
of our June Berry
be rich
and continuous -

so that in years ahead,
past our knowledge,
today's quiet planting in a small park
of this vast, north-western city
will make a song of praise
each time the wind blows.

May the song
be rich
and the tree vivid
in the June sunshine.
May the weary ground
find voice
in the light-hearted song
of this tree.

*Rogan Wolf
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This poem was commissioned by Carers Network Westminster for a tree-planting in Queen's Park, London NW6, to celebrate the work of carers of people with mental health problems. Karen Buck MP did the spadework. The "June Berry" is a kind of tree.

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