

glad of this life

I am glad of this life
though it's not what I planned
the rural retreat
with its long lazy days
not the idyll
it first appeared

I am glad to have returned
not under duress
as others assume
regarding me
with raised eyebrows
and disbelieving looks
no, I am glad of this life

glad of work
that taxes my brain
glad to deal with problems
not of my making
to spend money
I have earned
glad to sleep
soundly at night

glad of this life
littered with engagements
glad to own a diary
grown grubby with use
glad to cherish free time
to be spoilt for choice
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glad of Starbucks
cask ale and new world wine
cinema and theatre
live music down the pub
farmer's markets
and woodland walks
yes, even the weather of home

glad of the effort it takes
to keep my loved one close
despite the miles
between us
glad of the choices
at least we made
where others
might have faltered

believe it or not
I care not a jot
for I am glad of this life

