

## **She sends me Photos of Milestones**

To Todmorden 7 – To Halifax  $4\frac{3}{4}$   
Shifnal 4 – Salop 3m 6f  
Thirsk 6 – Helmsley 8

In the measured tones of  
James Alexander Gordon  
bringing back memories  
of late Saturdays  
anxious about the scores  
from the pocket radio  
and the distance left  
as light fades  
on a country road

Six miles to Thirsk  
with a knapsack on your back  
striding a verge of years  
thoughts straying to evenings  
and a decent pub  
able to ignore  
furlongs and fractions  
as nothing more  
than quaint signs pointing  
to a past of contradictions  
that now measures every month  
as a perfect number