



Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize 2021  
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**Spirits of the Ridgeway - do you hear them too?**

I closed my eyes and listened  
And thought that i could hear  
The footsteps and the chatter  
Of bygone travellers near

Was it work they looked for  
Or had they things to sell  
I guess that I will never know  
And they will never tell

I was on my own that day  
Enjoying the wonderful view  
As I strolled along the Ridgeway path  
Daydreaming as I do

My head soon filled with other thoughts  
Of loved ones no longer here  
But as I walked the Ridgeway track  
They seemed so very near

I smiled to myself and felt better  
As I turned to head for home  
Knowing that on the Ridgeway  
I never feel alone

*Patricia Green*

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