

The Poem – We felt we needed a poem to tie the 6 designs together

We ran a word workshop with St James Garlickhythe, one of the congregation members coined the phrase, Thames Made Modern, and that became a central theme for the poem. It also captured the essence of the area – ever changing; ever present, filled with history, iconic views, and an abundance of significant wildlife.

For the poem, we will use the Dove Type Font – a lost type font that was thrown into the Thames by Thomas James Cobden-Sanderson and has been unearthed and released as a digital facsimile by London based designer, Robert Green.

THE DOVES TYPETM



Infamous 'drowned' typeface is salvaged by Robert Green after 3 years of painstaking research & development. Quite a labour of love, daring even; or perhaps an act of folly!





1.
Mighty heart, mighty London
From Traitor's Gate to tourist boats
To the might of Sir Christopher Wren
Always there. Always changing
Bridges of old to the Millennium new
Glorious views from Globe View
Blues, greens and aquamarines and a dome of portland pink
Pigeons strutting their stuff
While rats squeeze through the rough
The ebb, the flow, the perpetual flux
Thames made modern



Mighty heart, mighty London
Power station becomes art
Innovation and dialogue translate
At the hands of Sir Henry Tate
Everlasting
Glorious views from Globe View
Blues, greens, aquamarines and an ode to orange
Porpoise's ultrasonic click
Whales with a continuous flick
The ebb, the flow, the perpetual flux
Thames made modern



3.

Mighty heart, mighty London

History rests its head

Wandering the worshipful companies' medieval guilds

To Salvation Army's charitable aims fulfilled

Vintners, Painter Stainers' galore

And St James Garlickhythe's ancient lore

Glorious views from Globe View

Blues, greens, aquamarines and a yearning yellow

As seals propel themselves from side to side

Swans glide majestically

As seagulls with wings flapping and wild

Look on at the geese, in their large flocks, powerful and riled

The ebb, the flow, the perpetual flux

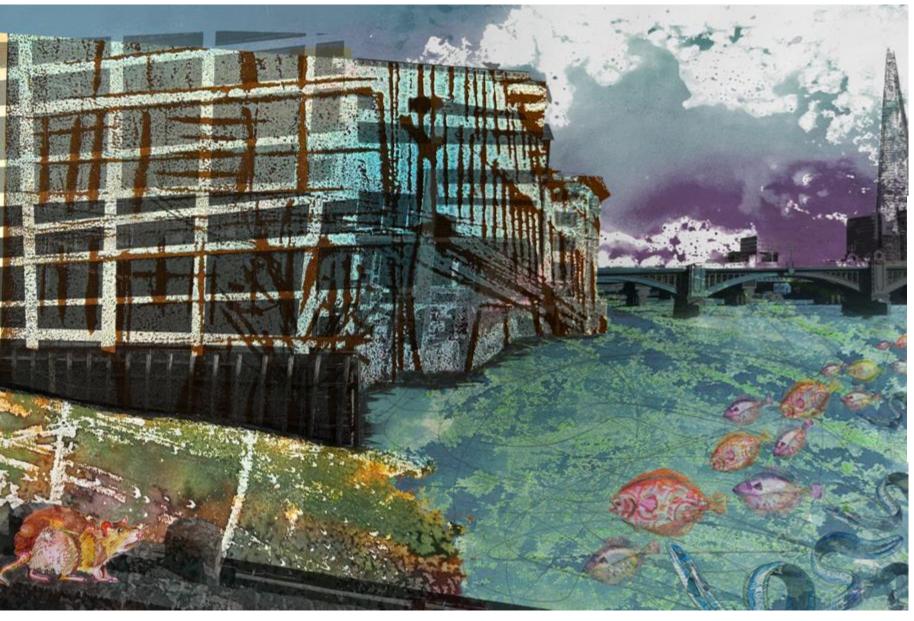
Thames made modern



Mighty heart, mighty London
Built and rebuilt
Reaching perfection
Blackfriars Bridge's iron arches
Traversing the Thames in spectacular fashion
Nodding to The Globe's dramatic enactments
Glorious views from Globe View
Blues, greens, aquamarines and a wordy white
Salmon rushing upward
Seahorses moving vertically
The ebb, the flow, the perpetual flux
Thames made modern



Mighty heart, mighty London
Striking and stately
Surveying its post from up tall
Poking its head above all
The Shard nods to tall ships of long ago
Glorious views from Globe View
Blues, greens, aquamarines and a peremptory purple
Starry Smooth-Hound Sharks with their bright spots
Welcome Smelt that look like small silvery dots
The ebb, the flow, the perpetual flux
Thames made modern



Mighty heart, mighty London
Spanning. Timeless
Ethelred's Hythe to Queenhithe
Welcoming Charles II's landing
Southwark Bridge in steel stealing Dicken's heart
Riverside House looking buoyant
Glorious views from Globe View
Blues, greens, aquamarines and a glimpse of grey
European eels swarming and waving
With shoals of bream chasing and biting
The ebb, the flow, the perpetual flux
Thames made modern

