

C21st

I'm Samira,
playing
peekaboo with
my youngest

by the river near
old **St Martin's**
Gate.

C21st

In the evening,
near **St**
Augustine's
Gate,

I'll help make up
warm welcomes
from the City of
Refuge.

C21st

My eldest
boy just finished
at **Magdalen**
Gates,

wants to be
a lawyer, has
opinions
on the news;

C21st

perhaps the
obstetrician who
oversaw his
birth

has a crash
pad near
Pockthorpe
Gate, perhaps
she writes
plays,

C21st

perhaps the
first infant she
delivers this
morning

(in the suite
with a lino print
of **Bishop Gate**)

will grow up the
architect of her
own city

watching
cranes pivot
in a cobalt sky.

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C13th

Walled in at
**King's Street
Gate** for two
score years,

my breath still
mists out
through the
stony squint;

C13th

meanwhile they
have shamed
my sister the
Scold

out of **Ber
Street Gate**
to put her
in the stocks.

C16th

My sister
the Flemish
Stranger arrives

through
Brazen Gate.
She shares
her husband's
loom

with us - and
his canary pet!

C18th

Come, let us
stroll past the
picturesque
ruins

from **St
Stephen's
Gate** to
Wilderness
Gardens

where an
aerostatic globe
bobs overhead

C18th

while down in
the miasma
near **St Giles'
Gate**

Our dearest
Mary ministers
to the sick.

C20th

WITH NO STOVE
IN THE
SUFFRAGE
SHOP, EACH
LUNCHTIME

WE TRUDGE
UP TO **ST
BENEDICT'S
GATE.** *DEEDS,
NOT WORDS!*

C20th

Maisie Appleton,
Wincarnis
Works

by **Heigham
Gate.** *Health
is priceless,*
we tell our
ladies.