

May the 8th

1945

1. Morning dawns

A rain filled sky

Joy's in the air

Spirits are high

3. Bunting streams

From home to home

Streets are full

No one's alone

5. Children play

Their parents smile

Merriment reigns

For a while

7. Trestle tables

Are laden high

Jelly and custard

Nan's apple pie

9. King George VI

Addresses the nation

We sit by the wireless

With true dedication

11. Honouring soldiers

Who gave their lives

Air raid wardens

And homefront wives

13. Airborne bomb

Or Covid Virus

Many ills have come

To mire us

14. Yet World War Two

Or modern day

Community matters

In every way

2020

2. No war today

But still clouds loom

That sense of joy

Replaced by doom

4. Not today

The streets lie bare

Rainbows of hope

Posted everywhere

6. The park is empty

No children play

Someone approaches

Stay two metres away

8. No eggs, no flour

Shelves are bare

No loo rolls, bleach

None anywhere

10. We watch on Facebook

Or livestream screen

As we heed the words

Of Elizabeth our Queen

12. Banging pans

And clapping hands

Thanking keyworkers

All over our lands

Eleanor Boardman

