Poppies



- There was a time when everyone wore identical poppies from the same Royal British Legion factory. Now we can show we're remembering in our own unique way, with knitted or crocheted poppies, metal pins or poppies in different colours.
- We value them as symbols of resilience, thriving in disturbed soil, a sign of beauty and hope, even when they're surrounded by chaos and destruction.
- What gives you hope in today's world? Where do you see beauty?

The world asks a great deal of the poppies,
insists they carry the wounds of war
and shoulder the weight of remembrance.
Such flimsy, wavering plants….

They nod and they nag,
reminding us not to forget,
flagging a red alert, as their crumpled petals unfold.
So, rightly, the poppies ask a great deal of the world.

Simon Armitage, *In Retrospect*

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