

## Funding the Future

## Crumble surprise

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Jon Harvey, who recently let me publish his poem entitled [Ten Poets](#), has also submitted this to the blog. I share it because I like it

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Don't be fooled  
Black berries are tasty fruits  
But be warned, for a few weeks each year  
But meanwhile for the rest of the time  
The prickers are spreading and growing  
Their thorns multiplying  
Harsh, jagged, bare  
becoming ever larger  
Flattening all other plants in their wake  
Faster, faster  
Wider, wider  
Taller, taller  
Stronger, stronger  
The barbs pierce, protrude and penetrate  
There will be blood  
There will be blindness  
Beware those who promise sweet fruit and succulent crumbles  
Look through and past these promises  
To see the sharp, pointed flesh of pointed pain and spiteful spikes  
And keep your secateurs and pencils close

¡No Passaran!