

## Name Yourself

I thought I hated it when someone used my name to ask something of me  
whether it was something simple like pass the salt  
or something more complex like vote no on parts 3b

for a second I'd stop listening when they said my name  
and I had to return myself to where and when I was  
I thought it was some manipulative game

trying to get my support with some personal touch  
illuminated the falseness of the approach  
these false friendships, conaraderie – bit much

but now I realise I was upset with the wrong part  
they had my wrong name in their mouths  
those incorrect referents were causing the stop-start

Now people call me Harvey because I've asked  
I hear how it sounds in different voices and accents  
I hear it in requests, questions, it goes by so fast

the people I care for most use my name  
and the world just doesn't stop  
The person right here listening is self-same

but this time I'm really listening  
and I hear Harvey unfurled from friends' lips  
from mother tongues, and my place in the world is repositioning

yeah of course I'll pass the salt, I'll make you a tea,  
I'll vote for the motion, I'll be over later today, I'll be right here  
Thanks Harvey, Cheers Harvey, Ta Harvey, Thanks