

Sandown Sweethearts

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I said 'Sandown' - and I saw a sandy beach
a smooth promenade with colourful chairs -
thriving hotels standing back -
people sitting on balconies
watching the waves
as they gently rolled
up the beach, leaving ripples
and washing the sand anew
where children played.
But most of all, I saw You -
as we sat with our crossword puzzles!
You gazed intently and I wondered
would I see you again?
after this holiday, where we had met
at a dance in The Trouville Hotel -
still standing -awaiting our return.
We did return to Sandown - many times, and
with our 3 young daughters, then later -
to celebrate- 60 years of marriage (at the Trouville Hotel).
We named a plaque on the sea wall along the promenade -
'Sandown Sweethearts'.