

## *Motion*

# *The Path of Protest*

WHEN planners plan a motorway,  
Protesters line up for the fray,  
Aghast, abusive, fairly fraught –  
There's a battle to be fought.  
Not in my back yard, they say,  
With Nimbyism holding sway.

When planners plan a motorway.  
Protesters always have their say.  
They raise petitions, voices, flags;  
Appear appalled in local rags;  
Write letters heavy with dismay:  
They don't need a motorway.

But when it's finally decreed,  
Appeals dismissed and plans agreed,  
And when it's built and there to stay,  
Protesters use it every day,  
Proving their mysterious need  
Of cant, hypocrisy and speed.

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