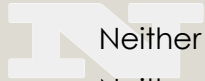


## *Neither Here nor There*

**Clair Duncan**

Poetry



Neither up in mood, nor down,  
Neither old in age, nor young,  
Neither fully grey, nor bottled blonde,  
Neither secure in work, nor unemployed,  
Neither clear of mind, nor cloudy,  
Neither sure of foot, nor stumbling,  
Neither here in the now, nor an eye on tomorrow,  
Neither fussed by much, nor passionate,  
Neither energetic, nor inert,  
Neither rich in wealth, nor struggling,  
Neither maritally blissful, nor terminally bored,  
Neither committed friend, nor cut-off loner,  
Neither super mum, nor absent mum,  
Neither fully fit, nor awfully ill,  
Neither fully stable, nor unsound of mind,  
Neither mentally stimulated, nor totally unchallenged.

Not Peter of Neverland

Just Patron of Neitherland

Capital: Ambivalence

Population: unknown and subject to change

Languages spoken: nonchalance and a dialect of uncommitted

Best known for: excellence in 'limbo'

Currency: coins of indecision and notes of self-pity

Political Party: in the middle with left-leaning tendencies corrected by right-leaning aspirations

Social Economic Status: middle-class by virtue of the timely payment of bills; will never attain upward social mobility by virtue of an enduring debt

Main attractions: nothing of specific note – all aspects are a celebration of mediocrity and thus accessible and palatable to most visitors and sightseers.