

# Refugees – a poem by Brian Bilston

The world can be looked at another way  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
These are people just like us  
It is not okay to say  
Build a wall to keep them out  
Instead let us  
Share our countries  
Share our homes  
Share our food  
They cannot  
Go back to where they came from  
We should make them  
Welcome here  
They are not  
Cut-throats and thieves  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Layabouts and loungers  
Chancers and scroungers  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
So do not tell me  
They have no need of our help