



## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Behind the headlines lies a story,  
 whether surrounded in mystery or openly gory  
 'unexplained circumstances' they say or  
 'we are not looking for anyone else'  
 Lives suddenly ended - Who knows why?  
 What was the story? - Why did they die?  
 Could someone have made a difference?

Who was around, to give support,  
 speak a word in season  
 before they were found?

People of all ages, from all walks of life  
 Find so much stress in this world, so much strife.

So many are lonely, even in a crowd  
 Keep so much pain hidden, never say it out loud.  
 Need someone to notice as they struggle to seek,  
 help from another,

Need permission to speak  
 Someone to ask the right questions,  
 just be there and stand  
 by their side in the dark,  
 support, hold their hand.

wait with them until daylight  
 breaks through to the dawn  
 and the part that is within them

that wants to go on  
 rises up to take over and begins to cope  
 a life now preserved, a life with new hope.

(a poem especially written for 'Keeping the Hope' day  
 by Frances Heather)

