

## **Derelict at the station**

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*Written aboard the Explorer service to Tamworth.*

He  
is lost.  
Wandering  
aimlessly from  
bin to bin, searching  
for a cigarette butt  
or a scrap of food. His shoes  
look new – but charity forgot  
to tie the laces up. He clutches a  
raincoat and checks the same bin again and  
again, as if in the last few seconds  
someone has discarded something of  
use. He shuffles off to the next  
bin – again with no success.  
Someone's son he was, lost  
in a city that  
has no more  
charity  
left to  
give.

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