



Look who are in the room

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Poet's note: This poem is about two patients with rare diseases, both friends of mine, and both sharing a condition in common with me. They are the inspiration for the poem.

'Look who are in the room.'
What a wonderful opening line;
An email subject header;
No blind copies, no undisclosed recipients
Not subscriber listed, not forwarded,
Simply an attachment to which I'd feel an attachment.
I did.



Good old email; the days now showered with such as these.

The days of trophy hunting over; No elephants but atrophy.

Look who are in the room.
They are not guests or strangers.
Not family, not professionals,
Not neighbours, not partners,
Not relatives, not researchers,
Not the Grim Reaper,
Not Janet and John, not a Guardian feature,
But patients in a selfie hug; dis-grammared,
Joyous together in a way probably only I would know.

Look who are in the room.
Two pals in selfie.
And a day to look at them.
Thank you Liz. Thank you Alan.

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