

Crazy Paving
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Crazy paving is made of
irregular slabs of flat stone
tied together by grey mortar.

The mortar between and beneath
the rough-cut grout-bound slabs
shows dark grey and moist
in early morning damp.

Sometimes the soul's the mortar
that binds life's parts together
into one patterned whole.

Sometimes it can't,
and then,
life's
 pieces
 fall
 apart.

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