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Familiar Strangers (FS)

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'Sometimes, when I look around me,
I see people whose faces
I think I should know better.
But they pass by.
The Lift door closes and
we miss yet another chance
to know each other at all...'

-webpost from 'The Angry Boy Diaries'

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Have you ever encountered an awkward moment of silence
when you are in a lift with your neighbours
or just the usual 'hi' and 'bye' coupled with a cursory email
when you bump into them? Like familiar strangers in this book,
we sometimes pass by our neighbours daily without really knowing them...

All it takes is a little more effort for us to get to know our neighbours better, and be more than just familiar strangers...

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