

THE MESSAGE FROM A TRAIN HORN

By Bill Pugh

We live not far from a train line on the way into the city. We can hear the train horns warning cars and people as they approach the crossings.

At night, when there is little traffic or noise, we hear the sound as the train approaches each crossing and finally disappears and we can sleep on.

Since COVID-19 emerged, to me the sound appears to be mournful. The train is missing people to take them to the city and do its job. But recently, early in the morning, everything changed and the horn was loud and clear.

Reflection:

Jesus performed a wonderful miracle on a man who was deaf and mute. The disciples who heard him speak plainly, and understood every word, said of Jesus: "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." Read the story (Mark 7:31-37). Give thanks for your hearing blessings, and pray for those who help others hear.

The train was saying to us: *"The lockdown is over, get up and go to work, let's be Melbourne again."*

Being able to hear is such a gift. When it fades we lose contact. Thank God for audiologists, helping us to hear, healing our sense of sound.

Hearing aids are such a blessing and bring us back to hearing, reopening our ears to the wonderful sounds of nature. Keeping us in touch with each other.

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