

It happens

It was an easy conversation that we had,
we were polite and she was unsurprised.
She'd seen it coming, she said,
and most certainly did not blame me,
the company or even herself.
It was the market. Up and down as always.
I later heard she'd found another job
in a similar field, and as I'd liked her
I was glad. She was not to blame
as were not I or the company.
It was the market. Up and down as always.
The market has its ways,
almost always unexpected,
and not many years later
I was part of another easy conversation.
She was polite and I was unsurprised
in the circumstances, though aggrieved.
I had not seen it coming.