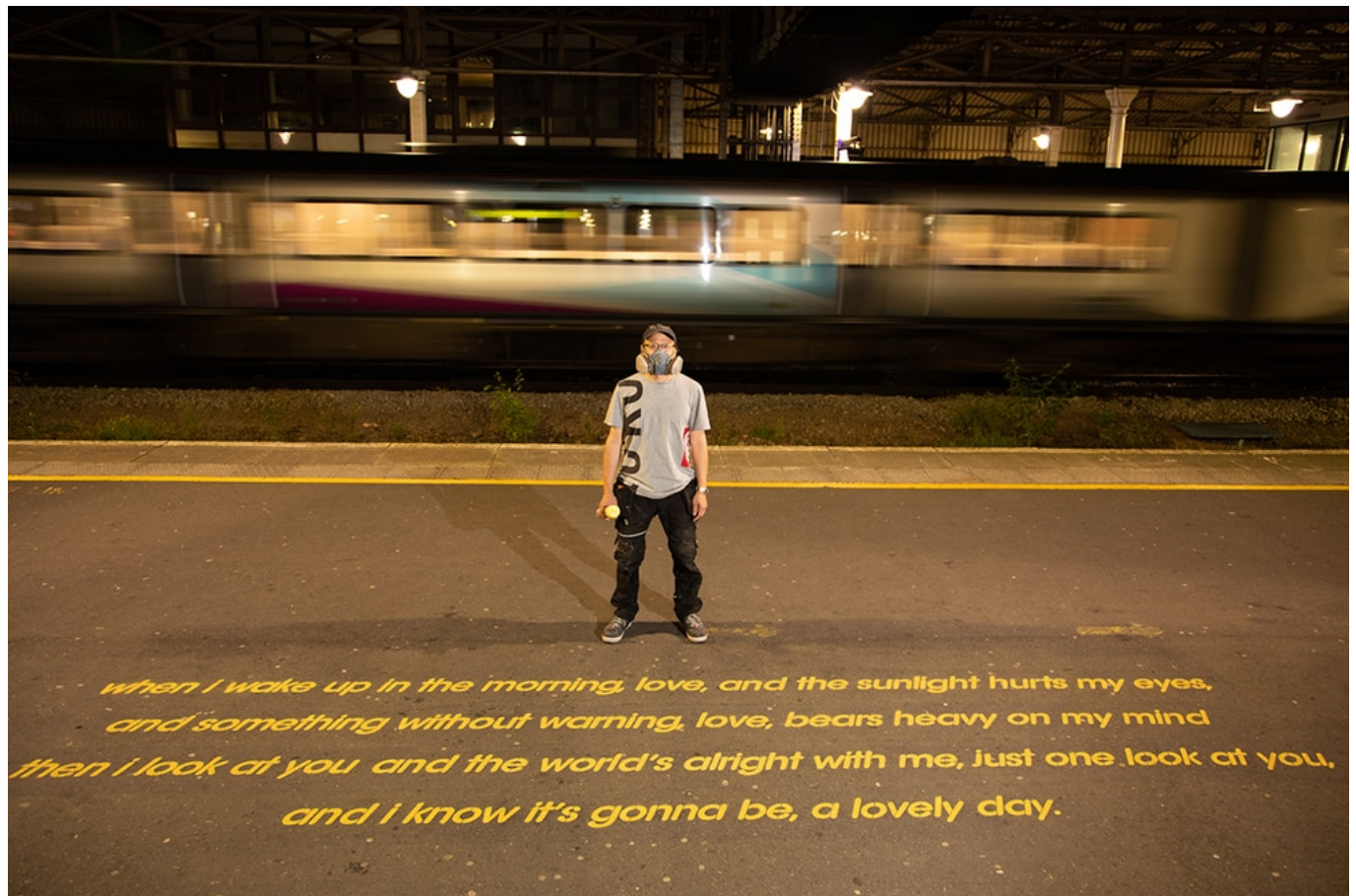


The writing's on the platform as TransPennine Express celebrates beginning of 175th year of station

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TransPennine Express (TPE) is celebrating a 'lovely day' with the lyrics of Bill Withers much-loved song etched on the platform at Huddersfield Station as it heads into it's 175th year of operating as TPE continues to spread joy amongst customers who are reuniting with family and friends.

Well known street artist Akse, who was behind the Marcus Rashford mural in Withington, Manchester, was commissioned by TPE to help celebrate the beginning of the 175th year of the station's rich history.

The temporary artwork, which could be found on platform 1 at the station, reads:

*When I wake up in the morning, love, and the sunlight hurts my eyes,
and something without warning, love, bears heavy on my mind*

then I look at you, and the world's alright with me, just one look at you,

and I know it's gonna be, a lovely day.

Kathryn O'Brien, Customer Experience Director for TransPennine Express, said: "We know now, more than ever, that getting together has never felt better and we wanted to celebrate the important role we have in reuniting friends, family and loves ones right across the North and into Scotland with artwork that would bring a smile to customers and colleagues travelling through the station.

"With the increase in travel, we are ensuring that a thorough cleaning programme remains in place, where key touch points in stations and on board all of our trains are sanitised to ensure the safety of customers when visiting our stations and travelling on our trains throughout the North and Scotland."

Street artist Akse said: "It was a joy to work on this installation with TransPennine Express, there was a definite uplift in the atmosphere at the station and I'm sure that customers will enjoy reading or singing the lyrics as they travel on the trains to reunite with family and friends."

Huddersfield Train Station, which was designed in classical style by James Pigott Pritchett of York, was built by Joseph Kaye and the first foundation stone was laid on the 9th October 1846. Less than a year later work on the line was completed and the first train arrived into Huddersfield on 2nd August 1847.

For those looking to travel, tickets can be purchased online via the TPE website or using the TPExpress App where people can now pay using Apple Pay or PayPal. E-tickets are also available allowing customers to use their phone instead of a paper ticket.

The train operator is encouraging all customers, unless exempt, to wear a face covering at stations and onboard our trains as a courtesy to others. More information can be found here <https://www.tpexpress.co.uk/travelling-with-us/travel-with-confidence>