

It began on a day in November, this plan to jazz up the house  
After visits from Mike and Martina, the decision was made by the spouse!  
"We're plumping for InStill and Carbon, we're putting our faith in their skill,  
We hope that they both play a blinder. We hope we can settle the bill!"

From those hours we spent up in Oxford, perusing the tiles and the sinks  
Our confidence grew with each moment – we're on to a winner methinks!  
We signed and paid the deposit, we said goodbye to the bath  
One more read through the final proposal, just to be sure of the math!

Martina was true to her promise and dreamt up a great plan indeed  
The design had all of the hallmarks of being drawn up by a Swede  
The only worry remaining was our hope for a big piece of glass  
We wondered if she might be thinking 'these guys are a pain in the.....neck'!

The job it began on a Monday, Mike and Wes arrived in their vans  
It didn't take long for us feeling the job would be safe in their hands  
They set about work with such passion, precision, perfection and glee  
I kept them supplied with provisions, in the form of black coffee and tea

Mike, I tell you, you're one in a million, a tradesman who knows what he's doing  
And Wes, such skill with a paintbrush, with sanding and nailing and gluing  
No, seriously guys, you've impressed, at each job and task undertaken  
A pleasure to have you around, two good guys, let's not be mistaken

Sparks Ben he won't be forgotten, nor Matt with his pipe fitting skills  
Though I won't miss all of the hammering, nor the noise created by drills  
It only remains to thank you and wash up the two beverage beakers  
I'm off for a shave and shower, awesome sounds from two Sonos speakers!

Mr & Mrs H. West Berkshire, March 2020