

WALKER THE BRITISH

REUEL BEN LEWI

Servant of the crown
subject to her royal
highhandedness

Arms across chest in reverence
previously unknown. Walker the British
faithful to a cause now lost

More a British man
than any man, privileged, could be
when colour was king in empire.

Walker walked from Kitty foreshore
to Stabroek square muttering
Roman catechism

Plied his route with stone held tight in each hand
armed to pelt his judgement on school children
who jeered at him in customary child's play

When he died, his legacy, two stones in a coffin
no jewels royal to display.