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Rose van Son
Julia Wakefield
Alice Wanderer
Jane Williams
Quendryth Young
Dreaming . . .  
the curved backs of echidnae 
grazing grassland  

_Beverley George_  

rural dawn  
every long shadow  
ends at a cow  

_Jan Dobb_  

cloudy morning  
cattle egrets  
await their herd  

_Irene McGuire_  

barbed wire fence  
the blue feathers  
of a Kookaburra  

_Jeanie Axton_
rear paddocks
etched with empty rills
. . . searing sun

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

home plains drought
dust storms carry away
father’s farm

*Marilyn Humbert*

silt
where the river ran
bones bleaching

*Gavin Austin*

willows weeping
into emptiness
Narira Creek

*Pauline O’Carolan*
Old Hume bypass
a wild apple tree
covered in blossom

_Marietta McGregor_

dozy afternoon
the bottle brush abuzz —
native honey

_Kent Robinson_

school bus
waiting for the herd
to cross the road

_Lorraine Haig_

logging truck
a wallaby’s ear
twitches

_Jan Dobb_
distant acres
the stale wind through
the gum tree’s branches

Robbie Coburn

magpie flutes
as shadows stretch
across dry twigs

Virginia Bird

in the vineyard
shorn sheep graze
among pruned vines

Irene McGuire

sale yard
herds of cattle
stand in their shadows

Hazel Hall
drought
close the sun sinking
through sheep ribs

Quendryth Young

windmill
sunset blinking
through broken blades

Lorraine Haig

the back road
through stubbled fields
harvest moon

Gavin Austin

settler’s cabin
palm trees
in the wheat belt

Maureen Sexton
what remains of my childhood
the dam eroded
at its deepest point

Robbie Coburn

crescent moon
a gravel road
follows the curve of the bay

Judith E.P. Johnson

by the Scouts’ boatshed
oak trees
just turning green

Peter Macrow

Wagonga Inlet
the sea reclaims
the sea

Gregory Piko
estuarine mudflat
the dot art busyness
of soldier crabs

Mark Miller

beachside cafe
seagulls
waiting on tables

Myra King

lakeside —
one masked plover
among the gulls

Nathalie Buckland

coastal lagoon
through mist
a black swan rises

Gavin Austin
seals and penguins
beyond the morning mist
Montague Island

Gregory Piko

our morning walk
shadowed
by pelicans

Julia Wakefield

warm white sand —
salt breezes ripple
the pelican’s reflection

Elizabeth Nicholls

half-moon
a single spinnaker
cruising the inlet

Jan Napier
shipwreck coast
caught in driftwood
a mermaid’s purse

Vanessa Proctor

careless artistry
the sea sculptures a curve of sand
washes it away

Beverley George

ginko therapy
alone on the beach
I find myself

Barbara A. Taylor

spring tide —
a bloom of moon jellies
washes ashore

Liv Saint James
salt wind
rolls up the headland
combing grass

*Lynette Arden*

rock fishing . . .
the she-oak reels
in the wind

*Cynthia Rowe*

reef walking
a sea hare’s ink diffuses
through coral

*Vanessa Proctor*

bare feet . . .
people and seagulls
on warm sand

*Jan Dobb*
mangrove boardwalk
the heron ignores
our sidestep

_Cynthia Rowe_


tangled tea tree
the bend where salt water
becomes fresh

_Louise Hopewell_


mud flats
an army of blue crabs
this way — then that

_Nathalie Buckland_


black swans
on the mudflat
darkening sky

_Louise Hopewell_
train window
wooded islands slant
into river mist

*Beverley George*

river road
late light
softens the ranges

*Gavin Austin*

declaring
all positions vacant
galahs at dusk

*Hazel Hall*

Gold Coast postcard
bangalow palm silhouettes
orange sunset

*Simon Hanson*
dying day
the lighthouse beam
pulsating

_Quendryth Young_

night fishing . . .
shafts of light ripple
between mangrove roots

_Pamela Smith_

this valley filled
with moon, mist, stars
- who could sleep now?

_Duncan Richardson_

apple orchard
the Sleeping Beauty Range
against stars

_Judith E.P. Johnson_
Yarra trail
lost in the bellbird’s chimes
the cyclist’s tinkle

_Madhuri Pillai_

Carrum Carrum Swamp
a flash of silver eel
before the thunder

_Marisa Fazio_

wintry day —
every she oak needle
holds a raindrop

_Pamela Smith_

tingle forest
out of the stillness
a flash of red feathers

_Elizabeth Nicholls_
flame-like
among the tree ferns
wrens’ wings

Alice Wanderer

angophoras
decked in snow
out of season

Gail Hennessy

spring festival
jacaranda blooms
carpet the avenue

Irene McGuire

wild geranium
five tiny petals, each with
seven purple stripes

Owen Bullock
morning yoga
the gentle sway
of tall green reeds

*Marisa Fazio*

oar splash
under the bridge
ripples circle shadows

*Lynette Arden*

over the bush
a magpie repeats a phrase
it’s being taught to sing

*Peter Macrow*

tea tree plantation
walking through
its aroma . . .

*Nathalie Buckland*
cane country
fruit bats fly over
an apricot moon

Quendryth Young

rainforest pool
glints of gold
in the orb spider’s web

Lyn Reeves

after rain
the pungent aftertaste
of the woods

Owen Bullock

thick vegetation
a hint of a wallaby
in the undergrowth

Marina Bellini
a mountain ash trunk
under my hand
the sound of water

_Alice Wanderer_

lost in the bush —
the many pointing fingers
of eucalypt

_Liv Saint James_

smoke haze . . .
all that remains
of tree-changers’ dreams

_Lorin Ford_

too young
to remember the fires
forest saplings

_Jan Dobb_
dimpled bark
on the gnarly gum —
I return the smile

*Leanne Jaeger*

snowy mountains
the slow movement
of cloud

*Maureen Sexton*

icy wind —
the old post and rail
speckled with lichen

*Lyn Reeves*

Sphinx Rock
snow flurries pound
the cliff face

*Ron C. Moss*
late September
rain blows from the grey mountain
towards the grey sea

*Peter Macrow*

grey day —
the stooped shoulders
of the heron

*Leanne Jaeger*

a white butterfly
and I . . .
cliff edge

*Margaret Mahony*

driving to work
the distant hills
beckon

*Duncan Richardson*
mountain track reopened - old man ferns nod the way

*Jane Williams*

mountain track —
christmas bells lifting
the fog

*Carole Harrison*

cascade trail
water clamour
overlays forest songs

*Marilyn Humbert*

through mountain ash
to the waterfall
bellbirds

*Jennifer Sutherland*
mountain moss . . .
gathers cloud pearls
of stillness

*Carole Harrison*

sphagnum bog
the sound of it
in its own tongue

*Nathan Sidney*

dark mountain
a skin of blue light
on the tarn

*Ron C. Moss*

deeep valley
the mountain view
lost in cloud

*Judith E.P. Johnson*
snowy slopes
wombat leaves a path
I can’t follow

Duncan Richardson

ski season
a flash of colour
past the snow gums

Jennifer Sutherland

inland frost —
all the shrubs sparkle
with ice castles

Keitha Keyes

spinifex
frozen explosions
in the pindan

Jan Napier
red plains
and a black poppet head
mine scape

*Maeve Archibald*

north south
the line of lode
bisects this city

*Maeve Archibald*

ghost gum
summer blossoms
in white cockatoos

*Myra King*

cockatoo cries
across the vast blue
I ache for home

*Jahan Tyson*
outback heat . . .
forging my own track
in the wilderness

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

bulldust deeper
than a bush ute’s roo bar
Menindee sunrise

*Marietta McGregor*

cracked claypan
tourists take selfies
in the shell middens

*Mark Miller*

Kiandra gold fields
this wealth
of wildflowers

*Marietta McGregor*
red dirt road
horizon bound
to burnt sky

_Joshua Borja_

road train
the sky turns red
as it passes

_Lorraine Haig_

all of the sky
back in the sky
dry dam

_Jan Dobb_

c coal train —
the fire-blackened trunks
of roadside trees

_Leanne Mumford_
the road
the long road
to Alice

*Joanne van Helvoort*

Simpson Desert —
claws of Scorpio
pinch the horizon

*Colleen Keating*

wind song
between boulders —
ochre handprints

*Leanne Mumford*

saltbush haze
the rolling dust storm
of a road train

*Mark Miller*
dust storm
a mob of feral camels
blending in

_Lorin Ford_

Karlu Karlu
a granite boulder
balances the moon

_Lorraine Haig_

whispering waves
of an inland sea
desert sand

_Judith E.P. Johnson_

outgoing tide
rock pools
in the Arafura sea

_Rose van Son_
Kimberley coast
the flood tide erasing
dinosaur footprints

*Leanne Mumford*

‘Bay of Fires’ —
the tangerine lichen
on granite boulders

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

ancient middens
orange lichen boulders
glow in sunset

*Ron C. Moss*

high tide
the waves heave
with kelp

*Lorraine Haig*
big wet
Kati Thanda
fills with birds

*Simon Hanson*

birds and frogs
harmonise at dawn
Kakadu billabong

*Colleen Keating*

barramundi
silver flashes
eluding our lines

*Mike Greenacre*

fading sunset —
foreshore banksia trees
hold up their candles

*Lorin Ford*
night silence
a snow-gum curved
around the moon

Ron C. Moss

river of stars
a gum nut caught
in the eddy

Lorin Ford
Dreaming . . .
the curved backs of echidnae
grazing grassland

Beverley George