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black swan
the morning sun
rocking in its wake

Simon Hanson

silver plated —
a wood duck plumps rings
over water

Mira Walker

a leaf bends
with the weight of a skink
morning light

Leanne Mumford

lunchtime at the pond
ducks step across the backs
of surfacing koi

Maureen Sexton
great white egret
on one leg
the water quivers

*Myra King*

among the reeds
a cane toad roils the water
summer rain...

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

lake’s edge —
in the ripples
heron on alert

*Beatrice Yell*

across the great lake the call of a little grebe

*Andre Surridge*
listen:
the curlew farewells
the autumn storm

Wanda Amos

evening sun
skimming the pool
dragonfly shadows

Jan Napier

a pelican
preening twilight —
lake moon

Carole Harrison

chevron of geese
the sunset
gilds spread wings

Gavin Austin
clear spring night
the rakali wallows
in stars

Hazel Hall

costal journey
tracked on my iPhone
whale migration

Colleen Keating

beach café footpath
a Great Dane and a Corgi
share the water bowl

Beverley George

dog park
sunlit - every body
off leash

Jane Williams
the clouds part
a flock of shadows
skims over my feet

*Julia Wakefield*

my pet stick insect
disappears in the swoop
of a magpie

*Keitha Keyes*

lace goanna
invisible against
grey eucalyptus bark

*Linda Visman*

forest campsite —
tripping over snout pokes
dug by bandicoots

*Maureen Sexton*

*Snout pokes are the conical holes dug by bandicoots in their search for food.*
warm morning  
chirps from all over  
the paperbark

*Lorraine Haig*

eye contact  
the magpie and I  
connect

*Quendryth Young*

creek’s green algae  
a water-strider sucks  
on a fly

*Mark Miller*

letting  
the weight go . . .  
laughing kookaburra

*Jenny Fraser*
hawk on a fence
landscape freezes
in its stare

*Julia Wakefield*

the stop sign
of a shingleback
outback road

*Marietta McGregor*

at the edge
of the latest freeway
two rock wallabies

*Hazel Hall*

ants scurry
across the laterite
the numbat’s tongue

*Liana Joy*
billabong
the whirligig-beetle
whirling to frog-song

_Cynthia Rowe_

dingo song
the loneliness of
a desert night

_Louise Hopewell_

for three nights
the one cicada’s shrill —
waning moon

_Lorin Ford_

dawn growing
rosy pink
breasts of galahs

_Marisa Fazio_
long paddock
kangaroos and cattle
grazing side by side

*Marilyn Humbert*

dry creek bed
at the narrow footbridge
midge clouds

*Beverley George*

dream images
dissolve in sunlight
ghost shrimp

*Sheila Sondik*

dragonfly
a summer dream
takes wing

*Maeve Archibald*
still creek-water
a dragonfly stippling the surface
with eggs

Mark Miller

Murray River —
fresh water shrimp
jump in the moon's reflection

Marilyn Humbert

cod fingerlings
swirl in the backwash
paddle steamer

Kent Robinson

primal urge
a dingo pup learns
the night chant

Barbara Tate
edge of winter . . .
learning to speak
currawong

Carole Harrison

witching hour
fruit bats bicker
in the fig tree

Vanessa Proctor

casting spells in the darkness
the blue light of glowworms

Simon Hanson

Bruny Island shack
the white wallaby shapes
our ghost stories

Jane Williams
nightfall
the crash landing
of a shearwater

_Glenys Ferguson_

little penguin . . .
the gift
in a glance

_Jenny Fraser_

winter blue —
the quiet bay
erupts with dolphins

_Lyn Reeves_

holiday cottage
a red-bellied black coiled
in the strawberry patch

_Vanessa Proctor_
the roller blind
revealing
the red back

*Roger Watson*

three barks
the kelpie finds
a snake

*Andre Surridge*

reservoir track —
the Copperhead’s
right of way

*Jane Williams*

jacaranda shade
a young magpie finds
its voice

*Leanne Mumford*
a twitch
of the cat’s whiskers
grey fantail

Gregory Piko

rustic home . . .
in the bush timber roof
a family of possums

Samantha Sirimanne Hyde

morning’s routine
sharing the shower
with a daddy-long-legs

Irene McGuire

lifted
a spider limp from water
stamps its feet

Mira Walker
lit from below
snails on glass
rippling

*Duncan Richardson*

village park
trying not to enjoy
the rabbit

*Quendryth Young*

Sunday cricket
at the edge of the oval
wagtails field

*Madhuri Pillai*

graveyard tour
bull ants jump us
from the dust

*Lynette Arden*
cemetery divisions
unheeded
by yellow robins

*Laurel Astle*

Italianate gardens
an ibis probes into
the geometrics

*Lynette Arden*

a millipede twists four dimensions

*Greg Piko*

steam night
a spider springs
from my bath towel

*Cynthia Rowe*
slow evening
the bar door cat-flap
lets in the scent of rain

_Peter Macrow_

cold wind
my cat twitches
her battle-scarred ear

_Leanne Jaeger_

Moomba wattlebird
before the RAAF stunt flight
. . . after it

_Lorin Ford_

her perfect man
in the back of a ute
two dogs barking

_Gregory Piko_
dust motes
a roustie flings the last fleece
onto the sorting table

*Vanessa Proctor*

shifting camp
fruit bats gliding
from tree to tree

*Maureen Sexton*

crowded port
oysters cluster
below the jetty

*Lorraine Haig*

her new home
a flock of bower birds
obscures the lawn

*Nathalie Buckland*
mosquitoes
on the flywire door
twilight stars

Jan Napier

bird box
a brush-tailed possum
behind the nose

Jan Dobb

two ruby eyes
en cabochon . . .
possum trap

Cynthia Rowe

traffic jam —
three emus dancing
up the dirt road

Earl Livings
granite outcrop
the brumby stallion
tests the breeze

_Gavin Austin_

last cicada’s cry
scent of orange
where the old orchard stood

_Meg Arnot_

pink twilight
a waddle of wood ducks
on the roadway

_Ron C. Moss_

Rubik’s cube
getting my head around
wombat poop

_David J Kelly_
if birds
grew on trees
nesting frogmouth

Sheila Sondik

duck dive
fooled once again
by the platypus

David J Kelly

blue flash
across the tannin river
kingfisher

Judith E.P. Johnson

mist on the river
a favoured haunt of
water dragons

David J Kelly
clear river . . .
a school of bream
shadows the shallows

*Lyn Reeves*

the ashes scattered –
a shoal of fingerlings
flees from my shadow

*Lorin Ford*

smoke on the wind
the koala joey
clings tighter

*Gavin Austin*

alighting at the roadside verge firehawk

*David J Kelly*
escaping burnt ground
t
fireman and koala

share water

*Colleen Keating*

full moon rising

wallabies box-it-out

on the hilltop

*Ron C. Moss*

snow flurries

a boobook owl

lit by the moon

*Ron C. Moss*

brumbies have gone

from the snow-covered hill —

the snow

*Peter Macrow*
rainbow black
Christmas beetles
missing this year

_Jahan Tyson_

ants now crawling
on the cicada I righted
heat shimmer

_Leanne Mumford_

mirror sea
a giant trevally circles
the bouncing bait

_Jeanie Axton_

Ballina beach
dolphins surf
inside the flags

_Irene McGuire_
samphire grasses
wren’s song
wrapped inside

*Rose van Son*

No Dogs on Beach
from the back of a truck
a bitzer barks at seagulls

*Peter Macrow*

a swan glides
over the mudflat
day moon

*Louise Hopewell*

Moreton Island
a pelican wades through
the sunset

*Isabel Caves*
heaving ocean
a humpback
rolls south

_Glenys Ferguson_

on a lighted sea
a Barramundi
follows the moon

_Giddy Nielsen-Sweep_

the sun took you
turtle hatchling
before the sea

_Lidia Myburgh_

upside down diving the reef a plastic bagged turtle

_Lance Convey_
jellyfish tide
a line of bluebottles
rims the shore

*Lorraine Haig*

two beach stone-curlews
keeping stillness
with me

*Irene McGuire*

on ancient rocks
seagulls and their shadows
low tide

*Margaret Mahony*

early riser
magpie lark sings
double notes

*Rose van Son*
down the painting
on tiptoes
the daddy long legs

Belinda Broughton
morning dew
on the cane toad’s back
pustules of light

*John Hawkhead*

honeyeaters chatter
the rainforest walk
dotted with Latin

*Helen Davison*

cold on my palm
green frog’s
little hands

*Judith E.P. Johnson*

all the blues
of a bowerbird’s dance floor
high spring sky

*Marietta McGregor*
darkest night
a hairy legged shuffling
across the bedclothes
after centuries
the ripples
of a frog's
splash

Belinda Broughton

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