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Rose van Son
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Gayle Sweeper
Sophie Emma Taylor
Kash Thomson
Julia Wakefield
Alice Wanderer
Kathryn Woolfe
Lyn Yates
Quendryth Young

under the sky
heavy with stars
a brumby foals

Lysa Collins

dawn stars
the scent of bacon
from a roadhouse

Lorraine Haig

a cat moth-hunting
beneath the streetlights
pale dawn

Jo McInerney

breathless dawn
distant breakers drown
the highway's growl

Julia Wakefield

dawn segueing
from grey to gold
shrike-thrush trills

Marietta McGregor

dawn light
someone else's footprints
first along the river

Jan Dobb

take away coffee
I drink the galaxy
swirling in my crema

Kash Thomson

train station moss
nestled in the cracks
mind the gap

Sophie Emma Taylor

workshop window
the weight
of dusty cobwebs

Ingrid Baluchi

blank page
black print
to new horizons

Maire Glacken

roaming eyes our shortened attention span

Stella Damarjati

hush of the library
a pile of books
slanted with sunlight

Vanessa Proctor

wagging school
the afternoon vanishes
into a puff of smoke

Louise Hopewell

city park
larger than life
statues of mortals

Judith E.P. Johnson

to the wind's choreography conifers as one

Gavin Austin

violin and viola
sunlight and cloud
at play in the park

Jan Dobb

looking back
moving forward
the rowers

Sophie Emma Taylor

pear blossom wind
showering the old couple
in white confetti

John Low

young lips
measure regret
on bony cheeks

Mignon Patterson

sunlight
through lace curtains . . .
the holes in my story

Lorraine Haig

almost Spring
the paperbark
beginning to strip

Nathalie Buckland

spring rain
an orange burst
of clivias

Margaret Mahony

winding its way
through rubble
spring rain

Susan Grant

spring rain
within peony petals
a wading ladybird

Samantha Sirimanne Hyde

verandah dreaming
their voices
in corrugated rain

Carole Harrison

spring morning . . .
our faces
open to the sun

Jo McInerney

noon silence
in the scent of yellow
spring bush walk

Elizabeth Nicholls

wattle trees
scenting the air
our first kiss

Kathryn Woolfe

glassfish
here and there
sunlight dapples the pond

Simon Hanson

bright spring day
learning new skills
from a grandchild

Beverley George

he counts
bees and wildflowers . . .
less again this year

Earl Livings

hanging basket
a currawong teases out
more fibres

Leanne Mumford

blending in debris
the blue tongue's stillness
its shield

Phil Saunders

swooping season
every dialect
of magpie

Jennifer Sutherland

a small boy rides
wearing an ice cream bucket
spring in the park

Colleen Keating

swooping plover
attacked by my own
adrenalin

Quendryth Young

the control
of a practised flyer—
gliding cockatoo

Rohan Buettel

always an answer for everything
for everything—
Eastern Koel

Mark Miller

cockatoos in flowering eucalypts the crack of seed pods

Mark Miller

no separation
between sunlight and singing
red flowering gum

Alice Wanderer

forest light
a lyrebird dances
in fern rain

Gavin Austin

rainforest hike
the damp silence
underfoot

Glenys Ferguson

rainforest
hiking through tangles
of butterflies

Louise Hopewell

going deeper
into blackheart sassafras
the currawong's call

Ron C. Moss

Boab tree
holds a memory
from another time

Jeanie Axton

balga tree
a warrior stands
on one leg

Fiona H Evans

crowning
the echidna's spines
morning dew

Tom Staudt

bushland fog
drifting through bluegums
the ghost of Ned Kelly

Jennifer Sutherland

eucalypt scent
on crisp cold air
memories of home

Rowan P. Ogeil

lone bushwalk
with every breath
. . . missing you

Glenys Ferguson

old garments
the comforting drift
of a handmade shawl

Beverley George

on the pier
scattering tears and ashes
. . . the wind dies

Ryan Stone

tide on the ebb
from under a crab shell
sand hoppers

Marietta McGregor

receding tide
the curled edges
of a dead stingray

Robyn Cairns

low tide . . .
a flathead imprint
in the sand

Marilyn Humbert

coastal haven
only the crash of breakers
pierces the walls

Julia Wakefield

seaside dusk
breaking waves
boom louder

Marilyn Humbert

across the bay
hills pale
paler palest

Coral Carter

a lighted path
across the sea
rising moon

Gayle Sweeper

night sail
the flicker of stars
and phones

Robyn Cairns

frail moonlight
seeping through the blind
power failure

Padmasiri Jayathilaka

moonlight
where the day lilies grow
in silence

Lysa Collins

early summer—
a swimmer emerges
from morning

Sandra Simpson

saluting . . .
the first flies
of summer

Gerry Jacobsen

barefoot—
the freedom
of summer

Keitha Keyes

a month later . . .
her corsage still blooming
in the fridge

Vanessa Proctor

nor-wester
whips the red gum crowns—
fire weather

Kent Robinson

slow tracking
through the fire break
cicada summer

Wanda Amos

summer heat
my shadow reaches the pub
before me

Rob Scott

simmering
in a summer breeze
the whipbird's call

Gwen Bitti

February's turn
the slow burn
of vermillion

Ivan Randall

beneath the remains
of burnt bridges
my southern stars

patricia hawkhead

rusty tank—
leaking the promises
of greener days

Kash Thomson

late heat
beneath the wattle
yellow dust

Rowan P. Ogeil

last days of summer
our conversation goes
indoors

Rob Scott

creek bank
the surround sound
of cicadas

Laurel Astle

water ripples . . .
skimming and scooping
swallows

Gwen Bitti

white swans
the nebulous drift
of eternity

Hazel Hall

flexible fingers
origami squares folding
into graceful swans

Maire Glacken

dripping faucet the silence between us

Tom Staudt

slow combustion fire
a chapter
in every log

Jenny Macaulay

a cast
of fireside shadows
war memories

Maeve Archibald

memorial plaque
claims
an *unknown*

Lyn Yates

widow's penny—
on the mantelpiece
beside his pipe

Rose van Son

mother's attic—
the company
of window spiders

Karen May

beyond the window
darkening clouds
mirror my thoughts

Colleen Keating

hospice window . . .
the only consolation
a day moon

Samantha Sirimanne Hyde

disappearing
full moon
at another window

Judith E.P. Johnson

sticking around
a little longer
winter shower

Michael Buckingham Gray

winter morning
the cat tight-curved
into a comma

Lynette Arden

winter migration—
the humpback's eye
meets my gaze

Sandra Simpson

late winter beach
the squeals of a toddler
meeting the sea

Robyn Braithwaite

old tin roof
the storm cries
of collapsing sky

Kirsten Johnston

rain falls somewhere rain doesn't fall

Gregory Piko

after rain
the sky fresh
with wings

John Low

happy hour
sunshine
after the rain

Stella Damarjati

Braidwood
one poplar after another
turning yellow

Gregory Piko

wool dags
snagged on prickles
grunge mob

Cara Bruar

worn sheep track
among the weeds
native bluebells

Carol Reynolds

footpad track
to the clothesline . . .
dandelion wilds

Karen May

cicada rhythm
a welcome to country
through the loudspeaker

Ron C. Moss

Friday arvo
outside the old pub
dogs in trucks

Hazel Hall

garage sale . . .
new memories
from old knick-knacks

Earl Livings

golden banksias
holding the sunset
in a breath of light

Kathryn Woolfe

fading light
the half-dreamed yawn
of a frogmouth

Ian William L.

leaf silhouettes
at day's last blush
microbats

Mignon Patterson

headlights at dusk
the scattered leaves
in bas-relief

Lynette Arden

last silhouette
a grey butcherbird searches
the lamp glow

Ian William L.

first star
the black sheen
of an abalone diver

Ron C. Moss

shower block
bogong moths bathe
in the night light

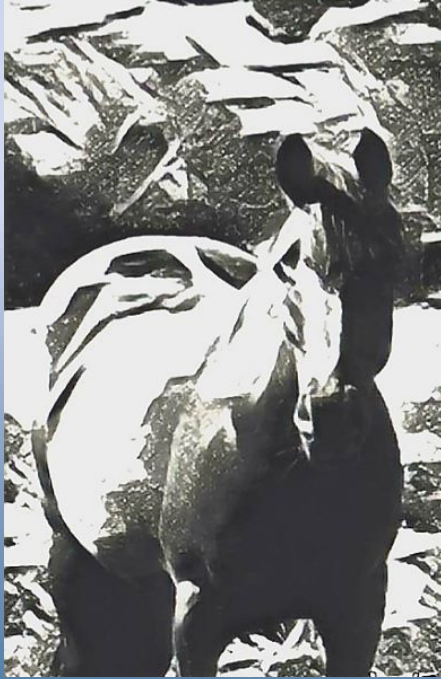
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