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first light a day shaped by clouds

Gary Colombo De Piazzi

driveway vigils —
a nine-year-old blows trumpet
to herald Anzac dawn

Beverley George

dawn driveway the last bugle notes float through birdsong

Myron Lysenko

Good Friday . . . in some distant backyard a rooster crows

Jan Dobb

twenty-twenty a new member of the cloud-watching club

Robyn Cairns

faces in the clouds . . . missing you

Margaret Mahony

self-isolation
I take more time
to look within

Samantha Sirimanne Hyde

global pandemic my Peace Lily in full bloom . . .

Leanne Jaeger

leaf by leaf the Japanese maple becomes autumn

Irene McGuire

self-isolation in the leaf-strewn yard a bare hills hoist

Myron Lysenko

backyard blues the dog and a magpie keep their distance

Madhuri Pillai

how blue the Autumn sky today canary song

Kent Robinson

city courtyard my neighbour shares the Sunday morning opera

Lynette Arden

Hungarian Rhapsody swirling through the house autumn leaves

Leanne Jaeger

after the downpour a puddle of maple leaves

Irene McGuire

autumn sun still warm on my face her last breath

Maeve Archibald

mostly March if only plum season would never end

Rose van Son

farmer's market a basket of apples waiting to be picked

Irene McGuire

iso life backyard blackbird a new best friend

Robyn Cairns

rainbow lorikeets the wheeling flock changes colour

Quendryth Young

into the night goes the last bus home moon in the trees

John Low

lockdown —
each dusk a coo-ee reassures
don't worry we are here

Beverley George

april night leaves resting their colours

Robyn Cairns

intruder the midnight clack of the dog door

Barbara Tate

a brush-tail possum scolds another brush-tail possum . . . longest night

Lorin Ford

old chest of drawers newspaper liners declare the war is over

Glenys Ferguson

old wedding ring bottom drawer behind the socks

Paul Murray

autumn sadness a tram passes empty

Peter Macrow

replacement bus the widower smiles at the widow

Myron Lysenko

new day a cloud slides off the sun

Leanne Jaeger

kindy classroom a first leg on the tadpole

Glenys Ferguson

water dish a frog swims the length of a pear leaf

Mira Walker

galloping ponies the length of the paddock

Jennifer Sutherland

winter moon the black colt blue in drifting mist

Gavin Austin

in early frost the brumbies huddle . . . I miss your hugs

Tom Staudt

through the wings of the blue tiger the blue sky

Laurel Astle

plasticine in father's big hands tiny dinosaurs

Judith E.P. Johnson

museum cabinet all the songbirds stitched silent

Marietta McGregor

still watching us year after year aquarium fish

Simon Hanson

two pelicans drifting moonlit shadows

Leanne Mumford

sycamore mirrored in morning light silent river

Margaret Mahony

the river lost in my childhood I hear its song

Gavin Austin

morning song a kookaburra chorus shakes the river

Katherine Gallagher

vibrant light through the curtains the wattle's shadow

Hazel Hall

the way the pears sit up in the bowl

Owen Bullock

afternoon shadows — just the one ripple on the pool

Julie Thorndyke

deep cover a pademelon's watchful eyes

Lorraine Haig

cold sky loping ahead of the rain black cockatoos

John Low

cold rain fence post and frogmouth the one grey

Lorin Ford

with such grace the black cockatoos arrive snow on the mountain

Kent Robinson

cold wind from the black sea the crescent moon

Peter Macrow

winter deepens the love call of a lone tree frog

Marisa Fazio

blackbird song sunrise seeps through bare branches

Gavin Austin

salt lake . . . the time it takes the flies to find me

Sandra Simpson

cooinda mist a river snake curls around a jabiru's beak

Vanessa Proctor

river cruise first sunset then fireflies & stars

Ivan Randall

big wet starting with a whisper the flowering heartwaters

Nathan Sidney

Country losing myself in the dots on her canvas

Marisa Fazio

musk-coloured sky the ancient pencil pine brushed with twilight

Ron C. Moss

planting moon the mountain's own names for its flowers

Nathan Sidney

sundown glow on cave walls ochre-limned palm prints

Mark Miller

deportation hugs and crying under the welcome sign

Maureen Sexton

an Australian flag flutters in the wind my home?

Stella Damarjati

carpark the lingering aroma of crushed gumnuts

Quendryth Young

Brunswick hotel ghost smell of roll yr owns

Tony Beyer

Murrumbidgee a trickle of brown water past the old brewery

Vanessa Proctor

Goorooyarroo we walk up to the sky

Owen Bullock

skydive cancelled in its place his letting-go breath

Jane Williams

breaking our silence the winning goal

Rob Scott

mid-summer heat mum's cotton wool blobs on the Christmas tree

Ingrid Baluchi

southerly buster our best laid plans in disarray

Keitha Keyes

late summer sunset pink bellied galahs rise in a cloud

Jennifer Sutherland

disappearing language scribbly gums at twilight

Sandra Simpson

sweltering heat another smoky night with the scarlet moon

Barbara A. Taylor

ash remnants of bush windblown

Maeve Archibald

the Fire Chief gives the widow a medal her foetus kicks

Philip Schofield

breaking drought a magpie opens wings to the rain

Quendryth Young

ancient middens periwinkle shells threaded with light

Ron C. Moss

shallow tarn which is reed which is shadow

Ross Coward

ochre sunset the sky comes alive with flying foxes

Vanessa Proctor

dusk stillness just my breath and pobblebonk song

Elizabeth Nicholls

gathering dark the wind sings me a deeper song

Marietta McGregor

biting southerly the missing corner of the moon

Louise Hopewell

leaves flutter the quiet rain

Gary Colombo De Piazzi

breath of wind a leaf about to fall lifts a little

Jan Dobb

after the chainsaws too much sky

Elizabeth Nicholls

talking climate change temperatures rise in the living room

Rob Scott

on the clothesline shirts slapped by a hot wind . . . she's leaving

K.V. Martins

family rift clouds drift across a full moon

Carol Reynolds

a possum on her black branch — moon crossing

Kristen Lang

family secrets the twisted vines of wisteria

Marilyn Humbert

milky way scattered on a summer night tiny frog-chirps

Katherine Raine

jewel box great grandmother's precious stories

Judith E.P. Johnson

my daughters' private lives — Wollemi pines

Sheila Sondik

closed curtains the expansive narrative of night rain

Madhuri Pillai

scanning old snaps my family tree fills with unknown faces

Marietta McGregor

starry sky all grown up still joining the dots

Jane Williams

worn stone letting go of dreams

Jahan Tyson

street café the sign on the wall says I'm loved

Lynette Arden

deserted street the wonga pigeon calls again and again . . .

Nathalie Buckland

coastal breeze above the line of sand dunes the sea eagle

Ross Coward

blue-ringed octopus beauty to take your breath away

Simon Hanson

beachside smile in my album you remain perfect

Gavin Austin

a walk with my ex below the cascade's swash a deep still pool

Katherine Raine

stormy day incoming tide swallows the cloud shadows

Maureen Sexton

marooned dinghy its bow pointed towards the waves

Lyn Reeves

sundown along the wharf fishing lines glow orange

Tom Staudt

smoke haze the valley I return to in my dreams

Lorin Ford

the looping tracks of meandering rivers scribbly gum

Sheila Sondik

this way that way wagtail

Tony Beyer

mud map all roads lead to childhood

Jane Williams

the old well is still giving water in my mother's garden

Katherine Gallagher

deep gully the tumble of water into shadows

Lorraine Haig

the rattle in a boy's pocket two white pebbles

Marilyn Humbert

manicured park the child seeks out its untamed edges

Lyn Reeves

chill wind . . . empty swings twitch in the breeze

Nathalie Buckland

school oval swept clear of kids — one plover

Duncan Richardson

school's out all summer cicadas droning

Ingrid Baluchi

origami a butterfly unfolds its wings

Jan Napier

washing day a little pied cormorant hangs out his wings

Jennifer Sutherland

scent of lomandra a great egret stalks the shallows

Leanne Mumford

last of the day across the plain ... hills shaping the light

Katherine Raine



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