

Nowhere Else



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*mirror facing mirror
nowhere else*

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within the night
a still dark pool

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soft dawn grazes
bruises of ground water

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charge of black cockatoos
wheeling
wailing over the trees

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wind-stripped frangipani leaves
swords
on a glistening path

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wagtails hide and
seek in the hedge

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through the rain
rattling
the eastern suburbs line

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phalanx of rosellas
triumphant dark checks
drawn against sky

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still night
sound of distant
cicada

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rain on pavement
bright honey flags
glistening

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steady stream
tumbling from pale void

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this morning
again the currawong
phrases the question

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cockatoos flash white
against charcoal wash

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pale jacaranda flowers
bone against midnight sky

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bright leaves on a eucalypt
gesturing

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needles bright startles
on the pine

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beneath,
a pungent ochre rug

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low clear light
grazes grasses

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in a pool of shadow
the ibis struts

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far in the distance
late at night
the butcher bird inquires

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corellas
folded napkins
in a norfolk pine

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encounters a
small tan dog -
a bundle of vibrancy

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grey daybreak
assorted birds exclaim

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wakes to a
chattering of lorikeets

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to the north
cloud banks like bruised apricots
silent

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enclosed
in tonight's
warm envelope of rain

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white cloud scallops
sketched over sails

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steam patinates
the bathroom window -
cool clear
spring sky

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progenitor
of naked presence

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dark dirt
fine lizard skin
on a pink eye potato

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corella flock soars
calls over the field

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out to a rain washed morning
air catches its breath

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tall bamboo sways
creaks against pale sky

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in low morning light
the single koel
calls

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black cockatoo pair
wail over the pines

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dark cones and needles
a canopy of limbs
under a stippled sky

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bright tiny bird
too long imprisoned
rises in the air

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piebald cormorants
wing-width over the water

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mauve jacaranda
showers on cars and street

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chrome yellow gazanias
rising from a silver bed

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candlebark heads
nod under the
brooding cloud

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fine rain
billows from a vacant sky

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plump black crows
on white-pebbled deck

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martins diving
under a cloud-stroked sky

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two small dogs tumbling,
the wind blowing

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nostalgic yachts
strain at tethers

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hushed rain
on the lillipilli tonight –
boughs gently nod

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two crows
black coats shining
peck at plates

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bowstring taut
arrow knows
to seek expectant heart

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unseen currawong
utters its
sad lament

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leaves shift
on late summer
lillipilli

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flax leaves
shimmer
in bright light breeze

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sax player in a truck
spills sweet jazz
onto the street

