

a shadow
meets its maker
falling leaf ¹

low dunes
bent grass needles
record the wind ¹

sunlit tarn
a platypus dabbles
in snow gums ²

Roebuck Bay
the tide shuffles
godwits and whimbrels ²

Gibb River Road
the pindan sunset
goes on and on ²

slugs of rain
dent the slow river
I pedal faster ³

distant lightning
the yellow-streaked purple
of a single iris ³

mountain road
a wallaby hops
into cloud ³

soup steam
fogs my glasses
shortest day ⁴

clear water
in Wineglass Bay, we skim
over whale bones ⁵

learning the names
of seven autumn grasses -
Tokei-ji ⁶
各を覚ゆ秋の七草東慶寺

bathed in
gum blossom scent
autumn sunshine ⁷

a bat squawks
in the flowering gum
harvest moon ⁷

Christmas Eve
a magpie carols
in the gum tree ⁷

another creek bed
another emu dad
and chicks ⁷

stopping again
for a sleepy lizard
Wirrealpa road ⁷

moonrise
over the miners' memorial
leaving Broken Hill ⁷

fallen leaves
all the colours of blood ...
Anzac Day ⁸

petals shower
from the jacaranda
a blue wren's song ⁹
ジャカラランダの花びらの雨 青ミ
ソサザイが歌って

Kyorai's small grave marker fallen persimmons ¹⁵

Port Augusta
a freight train rattles
through saltbush ¹⁰

ancient crossroads ...
a stranger hands me
a map ¹¹

lingering heat
the firewheel tree
in flower ¹¹

lunch break
the scent of murraya
spills over a fence ¹¹

moonrise
through winter trees -
her bulimia ¹²

lanterns float
on Hiroshima Day
recalling Obama's speech ¹³

tin moon
the wind-up bear
starts to dance ¹⁴

a belted kingfisher
darts from the fallen tree
seaweed tang ¹⁵

the fragrance
of sub-alpine firs
Hurricane Ridge ¹⁶

sundews glisten
in the hanging swamp
frogspawn ¹⁷

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