

Leanne Mumford's haiku first published in print journals and collections

a shadow  
meets its maker  
falling leaf <sup>1</sup>

low dunes  
bent grass needles  
record the wind <sup>1</sup>

sunlit tarn  
a platypus dabbles  
in snow gums <sup>2</sup>

Roebuck Bay  
the tide shuffles  
godwits and whimbrels <sup>2</sup>

Gibb River Road  
the pindan sunset  
goes on and on <sup>2</sup>

slugs of rain  
dent the slow river  
I pedal faster <sup>3</sup>

distant lightning  
the yellow-streaked purple  
of a single iris <sup>3</sup>

mountain road  
a wallaby hops  
into cloud <sup>3</sup>

soup steam  
fogs my glasses  
shortest day <sup>4</sup>

clear water  
in Wineglass Bay, we skim  
over whale bones <sup>5</sup>

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

bathed in  
gum blossom scent  
autumn sunshine <sup>7</sup>

a bat squawks  
in the flowering gum  
harvest moon <sup>7</sup>

Christmas Eve  
a magpie carols  
in the gum tree <sup>7</sup>

another creek bed  
another emu dad  
and chicks <sup>7</sup>

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stopping again  
for a sleepy lizard  
Wirrealpa road <sup>7</sup>

moonrise  
over the miners' memorial  
leaving Broken Hill <sup>7</sup>

fallen leaves  
all the colours of blood ...  
Anzac Day <sup>8</sup>

petals shower  
from the jacaranda  
a blue wren's song <sup>9</sup>

ジャカランダの花びらの雨 青  
ミソサザイが歌って

Port Augusta  
a freight train rattles  
through saltbush <sup>10</sup>

ancient crossroads ...  
a stranger hands me  
a map <sup>11</sup>

lingering heat  
the firewheel tree  
in flower <sup>11</sup>

lunch break  
the scent of murraya  
spills over a fence <sup>11</sup>

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