

inside the coffee shop
eating an Easter egg
the Belgrave bus takes off

Eva Kulesa-Spires, Belgrave Heights, 5

returned from the war
the kitchen tap
still dripping

Carla Sari, North Carlton, retired



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Red crane:
what city
are you building?

Amelia Walker, Abbotsford, nurse, 22

car backfires
long armed roses
reach for the sky

Suzanne McCourt, Brighton, writer, 58



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search for old friend
in the white pages –
silent number now

Leon Shann, Brunswick, retired

the sky falling
into a tree
falling into the sky

Taman Ulrich, Upwey, 6



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down under
how do narrow minds grow
beneath such wide skies?

Danielle Johnston, Melbourne, communications manager, 34

still flying
with mown wings
moth

Claire Gaskin, Sandringham, writer/teacher



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in the library
noisy boys kill each other
on computer screens

Helen Lucas, Eltham, teacher, 47

Bird in the forest
Flies around the tree
We carved our names on

Ahmed Hashim, Dallas, writer



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Mind your feet
Under the concrete
history sleeps

Libby Angel, Brunswick, student, 35

between me and the moon
the fog
leaves only fence posts

Sue Stanford, Glen Waverley, teacher, age forgotten



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Scalpel in hand,
the surgeon pauses –
to sneeze.

Eva Collins, Glen Iris, photographer/writer

express thoughts from Parliament
Central to
loopy thinking

Phil Ilton, Mount Martha, writer/editor



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empty road

i swerve to avoid a spider
on the windscreen

Mary Hind, Brighton, retired office worker

after evening's first star –
noticing the others
already there

Matt Hetherington, Thornbury, musician, 37



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bush cemetery –
a child's grave
beneath an evergreen

Michael de Valle, Selby, house husband, 43

Such hard rain
we jump over wet stars
all the way home

Catherine Bateson, Belgrave, children's writer, 45



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the cat is dead
mum kind of ran it over
ring her tomorrow

Eddie Paterson, Carlton North, student/sales assistant, 25

night river –
trains ripple over
the floating city

Lorin Ford, Brunswick, writer



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Melbourne: in autumn light
you look more beautiful
than you deserve

Marietta Elliott-Kleerkoper, Fairfield, writer/editor

He rubbed the end of my hair
between his fingers
and spun me into gold

M. F. Calder, Drouin, artist/poet



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Mid winter

Outside Flagstaff Station

QC and Vendor discuss The Big Issue(s)

Tanja Kovac, Kalorama, solicitor

a train stops
at the cemetery
nobody gets on

Myron Lysenko, Brunswick, professional poet, 53



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nowhere near the finals
on the wing at Moorabbin
Dad pestering the coach

alicia sometimes, Elwood, radio announcer, 33

my home town
has shrunk since I left
as have I

Ian McBryde, Montmorency, data administrator



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New Years Day
my Resolutions are...
so last year!

Martin Downey, Ascot Vale, insurance loss assessor

Winter – forgotten seashell
in my japara pocket
spills sand

Cathy Altmann, Bulleen, mum/student, 39



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on the phone
my ex girlfriend complains
about her new husband

Antony Ley, St Kilda, trainer, 46

I had an hour to kill
It took me all day
That was an hour worth living

Mark Leviston, Watsonia, student, 24



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Flinders Street station
people of all races
wait for the same thing

Leanne Hills, Upwey, mum, 40

Riverside
We take off our shoes
And dance like leaves

Eden Cox, Glen Iris, student, 19



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Melbourne Cup Through the colourful crowd Runs a big brown horse

Ernestine Burnett, East Malvern, writer

looking at a Melbourne square -
every corner
is the right angle

John So, Melbourne, Lord Mayor



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everybody hurries
to catch a train
as if there were only one

Yvonne Parker, Ocean Grove, writer/grandma, 61

one tree missing
from Memorial
Drive

John West, Edithvale, nurse, 54



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