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first day of school
a roomful of
teary eyes

Su Wai Hlaing, Yangon, Myanmar

first day of school—
on mom's floral skirt
my tears

Giovanna Restuccia

shortest day—
shouldn't our school hours
be shorter too?

Beverley George, Australia

shortest day
so many toys to play with
before bedtime

Nathalie Buckland

his first
Christmas in July . . .
'where's santa?'

Joanne Watcyn-Jones, Australia

long nights
dancing of fire-fairies
in the hearth

Maureen Sudlow, New Zealand

this long night
a sliver of moonlight
her smile

Lance Convey, Brisbane, Australia

refugee camp
a child searches our heavens
for her favorite star

Ron C. Moss, Tasmania, Australia

converted dollhouse
her astronaut's eyes
filling with starlight

Alan Summers

the twinkle
of a childhood song
winter sky

Deborah P Kolodji, Temple City, California, USA

among the stars
one special light
was once my pup

Sharyn Jones, Australia

waiting for the dawn
the glitter of moonlight
in my child's eye

Michael Flanagan

snow angels
we compare the length
of our wings

Debbie Strange, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

frost—
on the garden table
the alphabet

Mariela Coromoto Hernandez, Wassenaar, Netherlands

children
building the snowman together
making him smile

Lynette Arden

tobogganing
a rush of cold air
and the taste of snow

Vanessa Proctor, Sydney, Australia

little league
the full-back catches
snowflakes on his tongue

Gregory Piko, Australia

hop hop hop
the crispy sound
of frozen grass

Mariela Coromoto Hernandez, Wassenaar, Netherlands

red watermelon—
the child washes her face
laughing

Nazarena Rampini, Pogliano Milanese, Italy

vegetable patch
letters we wrote
to the slugs

Lucy Whitehead, UK

torn orchids
in his little hand
for me

Kathleen Earsman

mud and squalor—
stretching through borders
a toddler picks a poppy

Ingrid Baluch, Ohrid, Macedonia

the child shows me
his secret garden—
weeds in flower

Lyn Reeves

field of yellow
small fingers string
a daisy chain

Lorraine Haig, Australia

pressing flowers
we pick Queen Anne's lace
from the verge

Vanessa Proctor, Sydney, Australia

her cheeks
flushed from our winter walk
my cherry blossom

Colleen Keating, Australia

sun shower
pansies bloom
in her hair

Rose van Son, Perth, Australia

winter warmth
the glow of his dinosaur
night light

Lorin Ford, Melbourne, Australia

the low sun—
for his teddy bear
a little light

Angiola Inglese, Italia

finger painting
the press of small palms
brightens the wall

Lorraine Haig, Australia

squeaky toy sound
the indoor carnival
of winter

Mariela Coromoto Hernandez, Wassenaar, Netherlands

yellow butterfly
I reach to touch
its wing

Kath Abela Wilson, Pasadena, California USA

cloud spotting
a child's eye fills
with animal shapes

Jane Williams, Australia

red and yellow and green and blue
the pure joy
of new crayons

Peggy Bilbro, Alabama, USA

rainbow paper
tiny hands
move the colours

Sharyn Jones, Australia

my daughter
teaching paper angels
how to spread wings

Radostina Dragostinova, Sofia, Bulgaria

big bubbles
little hands can't catch
the rainbows

Pauline O'Carolan, Sydney, Australia

kids under cardboard
huddled over ashes
all thumbs up and smiles

Ingrid Baluchi, Ohrid, Macedonia

cardboard and cellophane
a yellow submarine
in the sea of wonders

Simon Hanson, Queensland, Australia

pirate hat
he sails the wooden ocean
on a Persian rug

Joanne van Helvoort

moon in the window
a seahorse named Philip
rides a blue bubble

Ron C. Moss, Tasmania, Australia

... in grimy gutters
and along neon streets—
here be dragons

Kent Robinson

a dusty track
this broken branch
becomes my horse

Sharyn Jones, Australia

frozen bird bath
my niece teaches her doll
how to skate

Debbie Strange, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Zorro slumps
weeping in the corner—
fancy dress

Kent Robinson

dull sky
I dress our rescue dog
in my best jumper

Beverley George, Australia

clothesline
the boy and the wash
spinning

Lorraine Haig, Australia

early spring
every wall
a balance beam

Lucy Whitehead, UK

dinner bells
my walk home balanced
on a sunbeam

Kath Abela Wilson, Pasadena, California, USA

new scooter
exploring the different
footpaths

Nathalie Buckland

plastic playground
my kids climb into
the pepper tree

Lyn Reeves

topmost branch—
a jumble of thongs
on the ground

Quendryth Young, Alstonville, NSW, Australia

low tide
our bucket full
of treasures

Marina Bellini, Italy

the child smiles
under his pillow
a little tooth

Nazarena Rampini, Pogliano Milanese, Italy

measure of a year
the long and the short of it
this child and I

Peggy Bilbro, Alabama, USA

Wellington boots
lined by the door
large to small

Simon Hanson, Queensland, Australia

birthday eve
her heart races
to double digits

Jane Williams, Australia

elevator ride
a young soprano
hits a high note

Michael Smeer

On the Beach
our childhood haunted
by mushroom clouds

Lorin Ford, Melbourne, Australia

caged budgie
the war zone child asks
when it can go free

Ingrid Baluchi, Ohrid, Macedonia

one step
after another
jumping puddles

Lynette Arden

tide lines
around her Wellies
puddle high

Simon Hanson, Queensland, Australia

moving house . . .
all the light switches
out of reach

Nathalie Buckland

childhood memory
a missing piece
of my puzzle

Doris Pascolo, Milan, Italy

treetops sway
over mother's shoulder
her hair too

Kath Abela Wilson, Pasadena, California, USA

trees and sunlight
paint zebra stripes
on a country road

Jenny Pyatt, New Zealand

moon shadows
of a ghost gum
winter creek

Marietta McGregor, Australia

cracking of ice
as the geese land
mid-winter

Maureen Sudlow, New Zealand

split kindling
sparks the winter fire
blue gum trees

Colleen Keating Australia

tussock clumps
cupping snow
secrets we keep

Marietta McGregor, Australia

this urge
to leave traces . . .
first snow

Polona Oblak

red mittens
pulling ice
from the pond

Maureen Sudlow, New Zealand

whistling wind—
the clack of grandma's knitting,
my bunny mug of cocoa

Beverley George, Australia

only porridge . . .
the chooks have gone
off the lay

Barbara A. Taylor, Mountain Top, NSW, Australia

brown toast
dipped in homemade soup
fallow garden

Colleen Keating Australia

sunset
stewed plums stirred
through custard

Pauline O'Carolan, Sydney, Australia

inside the house
my breath hovers
like morning mist

Barbara A. Taylor, Mountain Top, NSW, Australia

chimney smoke
Dad lets the genie out
of its bottle

Debbie Strange, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

windmills waving—
midges gather in
the evening

Katherine Gallagher

shortest day
snapping icicles
between thumb and finger

Marilyn Humbert, Australia

the shortest day
yet still those same
old chores

Barbara A. Taylor, Mountain Top, NSW, Australia

convalescence
old things seem
a new discovery

Marina Bellini, Italy

chilly day
finding warmth deep
in a pile of leaves

Quendryth Young, Alstonville, NSW, Australia

first glasses
trees
do have leaves

Joanne van Helvoort, The Netherlands

pigeon feather—
he tells me it came
from Bunjil

sara winteridge, Eider Green, UK

walking home . . .
in the cotoneaster
a flock of galahs

Vanessa Proctor, Sydney, Australia

crested pigeons
crowd the phone line
cloudburst

Marietta McGregor, Australia

all day long
a sun-speckled robin
weaving the clouds

Skaidrite Stelzer, Toledo, Ohio, USA.

At Little River–
sunrise fires through the darkness
igniting shadows

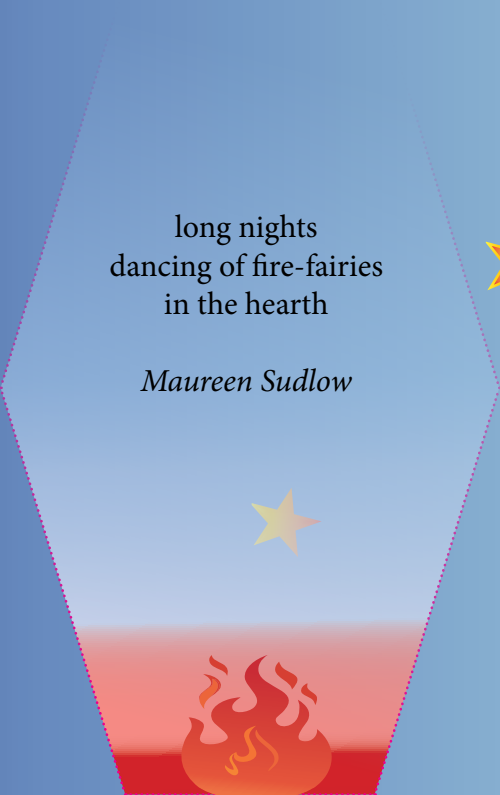
Michael Flanagan

Kanonook Creek
a dreamer's elbows
cushioned by moss

Lorin Ford, Melbourne, Australia

thinking...
pecans pelter the roof
of the dunny

Quendryth Young, Alstonville, NSW, Australia



long nights
dancing of fire-fairies
in the hearth

Maureen Sudlow



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