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a cloud slowly
changes shape

Rob Scott

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balcony garden
speaking to clouds
loss shaped

Ian William Logan, Australia

clouds
heavy with raindrops
quarrel continues

Lanka Siriwardana from Sri Lanka

besties' road trip
dark clouds chase us
across the desert

Louise Hopewell, Melbourne

footpath clouds
a chalk rainbow
in her palms

Louise Hopewell, Melbourne

each cloud
has its own dark shadow
sky diving

Louise Hopewell, Melbourne

dust cloud
a line of palm trees
rattles the wind

Lynette Arden

blue-sky-day
my neighbours' argument
recedes with their car

Lynette Arden

red hat
the old woman
suddenly visible

Lynette Arden

dark clouds
ashes of burnt homes
with the sudden rain

Milan Rajkumar

ethnic crisis
the evening sky mingles
with the flaming town

Milan Rajkumar

roll clouds
the tumbling words
of our goodbyes

Christine L. Villa, USA

curdled clouds
she dresses the baby
for her funeral

Christine L. Villa, USA

cloud watching we reshape our dreams

Christine L. Villa, USA

mountain village
a steeple pecking
at the stratus

Debbie Strange, Canada

spring shadow
early bumps
in the cloud

Kenneth Daniels

just before
the clouds take over
a glimpse of the stars

Arvinder Kaur

mother's birthday
a passing cloud rains softly
near my window

Arvinder Kaur

the part of me
gone with you
drifting cloud

Arvinder Kaur

father's Gregory Peck
hairstyle in cloud characters
spring

Lakshmi Iyer, India

spring clouds
the balloon rides
colours of rainbow

Lakshmi Iyer, India

retribution
his cloud of grief
in italics

Lakshmi Iyer, India

over arvo tea
on National Wattle Day—
Kalti Paarti clouds

Monica Kakkar, India and USA

deep in the canal . . .
gigantic columns of clouds
watch my soaring kite

Monica Kakkar, India and USA

suddenly cloudy
on the deutzia blossoms—
cuckoo sings my joy

Monica Kakkar, India and USA

cloudy day—
he asks his son
who are you?

Tony Steven Williams

this herringbone sky
perhaps a sign
for me to branch out

Tony Steven Williams

sultry noon . . .
blending rainclouds
with my mocktail

Bipasha Majumder (De)

an elephant
turned into a dragon . . .
cloud tale

Bipasha Majumder (De)

breathed from damp
land, morning clouds
mill like teenagers

Kirsten Johnston

shape of a fish
becomes a gargoyle
in the breeze

Kirsten Johnston

glaze on my friand
sticky and sugar-glossy
reflects clouds

Kirsten Johnston

wandering
under a cloud of white hair
yet not alone

Carol Reynolds, Australia

the whites
and blues of pansies
scattered clouds

Tom Staudt Sydney, Australia

islands of fog
in the gullies—
morning train

Leanne Mumford, Sydney, Australia

cerulean sky—
the white
of ibis wings

Leanne Mumford, Sydney, Australia

spring sunshine . . .
how our old dog
would have basked

Leanne Mumford, Sydney, Australia

day of rain
the clouds take refuge
in the puddles

Françoise Maurice, France

Sea mist
the reflection of clouds
in my glass

Françoise Maurice, France

waning moon
the grey clouds ride on
the rising tide

Françoise Maurice, France

scuttling clouds
my last diary entry
is an escape

Alan Summers

mondegreen clouds
the nankeen kestrels still
hovering hovering

Alan Summers

aimlessly—
cloud on the waves
the first trip

Giuliana Ravaglia, Italia

I'm a dreamer
among chalk clouds
barefoot

Giuliana Ravaglia, Italia

flashes of sky
among scattered clouds—
cornflowers

Giuliana Ravaglia, Italia

monsoon—
clouds roll off
farmers' faces

Radhika De Silva, Sri Lanka

moving cloud—
she guesses
the shape it forms

Radhika De Silva, Sri Lanka

slow river
rowing between two banks
through the clouds

Tomislav Maretić

oar in the sky
clouds swept all the way
to the shores

Tomislav Maretić

morning walk
my head
in the clouds

Margaret Mahony

smell of ocean
still in the air where
clouds once were

curt linderman, Seattle

distant virga
approaching with an air
of indifference

curt linderman, Seattle

cotton candy clouds . . .
the sunset turns
the sky pink

Nancy Brady

drifting clouds . . .
playing a game of peek-a-boo
with the harvest moon

Nancy Brady

wild silence . . .
the space between
clouds

Nancy Brady

dark clouds
over unharvested fields
echo of war

Natalia Kuznetsova, Russia

watching clouds
float above . . .
why worry

Natalia Kuznetsova, Russia

sakura clouds . . .
my boat meets
your boat

Steliana Cristina Voicu, Ploiesti, Romania

children games . . .
a baby dragon cloud
bites the moon

Steliana Cristina Voicu, Ploiesti, Romania

shifting clouds
the black dog shuffles
into the shade

wanda amos, Australia

free
from daily routine
clouds

wanda amos, Australia

the carnival
is over
candyfloss clouds

wanda amos, Australia

letting my brush choose where to place the cloud

Sheila Barksdale U.K.

a distant band
of cloud peaks
snowy mountains

Rohan Buettel

small talk
cumulonimbus turns
abruptly cirrus

Michael Henry Lee

cloud bank
all my treasure
laid up in heaven

Michael Henry Lee

climate change
not a cloud
in the sky

Michael Henry Lee

ahead of the thunderhead rainbow lorikeets

Lorin Ford

I cycle home
a cloud obscures the sun
for a minute

Marjolein Rotsteeg

dark clouds
no silver linings
time for tea

Marjolein Rotsteeg

midges
wherever we camp . . .
clouds of

Ingrid Baluchi

teased clouds
the way she fluffs up
her doonas

Ingrid Baluchi

in the ploughshare's wake
the rise and fall
of a cloud of gulls

Ingrid Baluchi

clouds
on a sunny day—
recalling life's frailties

Bonnie J Scherer, Alaska, USA

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thoughts about clouds.

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