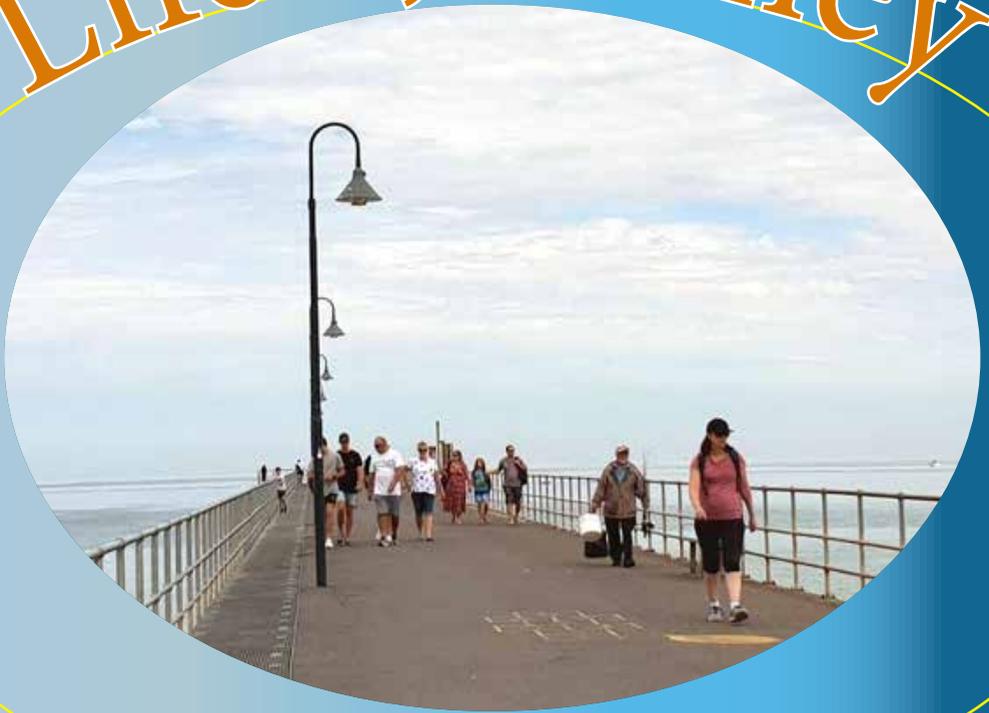


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the path I've chosen

Rob Scott

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the path I've chosen

Rob Scott

shortening days
a lizard pauses
on my log-pile

Nathalie Buckland

first red
hawthorn berries...
gang gangs coming

Hazel Hall

Autumn glow...
a solitary goose
takes to the sky

Keith A. Simmonds

stop over
on the long flight
scattered birdseed

Peggy Hale Bilbro

La Niña downpour
across a sports field
paddling ducks

Marietta McGregor

equinox walk
a worm half in and half out
of its hole

Barbara Kaufmann

she sings
to the new foster cat . . .
autumn dusk

Maria Steyn

brumal days
the fairytales warmer
by candlelight

Alan Summers

fire glow
the baby's breath
on my cheek

Margaret Mahony

grandma
watching repeats on TV –
knitting baby clothes

Maureen Sexton

these tiny shoes...
doof music
from her bedroom

Nathalie Buckland

nursing home
a grandson shows her
how to hip-hop

Quendryth Young

silver grass plume
a teenage grandson's
fledgling goatee

Marietta McGregor

my daughter's soft hands
on her wedding day –
my twisted fingers

Maureen Sexton

life's journey –
my daughter's
first steps

Mirela Brăilean

blue velvet coat
on a knit covered hanger...
grandma's favorite

Pat Geyer

tossing leaves
with my granddaughter
the years fall away

Julie Edmonds

a chest of dolls and teddy bears ...
old people's home

Maureen Sexton

she plays
a song from childhood
out-of-tune piano

Tom Bierovic

still in tune
with the season . . .
a lost friend's guitar

Ron C. Moss

the ant
in a floating leaf
life goes on

Ram Chandran

following a fly
a stray puppy walks
around its tail

Vasile Moldovan

yoga class
stepping into
my neighbor's shoes

marilyn ashbaugh

cardiologist's
waiting room – we watch
Ninja Warriors

Laurel Astle

walking,
the smell of humus—
years of leaves

Angiola Inglese

dark berries
on spiky twigs — this season
of life

Katherine Raine

first snowflake
the last leaf
settles

Peggy Hale Bilbro

among strewn leaves
a sold sign
end of a season

Margaret Mahony

moving house—
their changing heights
still marked on that jamb

Nathalie Buckland

coat of paint
dates and ages
under cover

Quendryth Young

moving day...
measuring the distance
between two stars

Hifsa Ashraf

homecoming
everything the same
except me

Louise Hopewell

counting regrets
one page at a time
high school yearbook

Tom Bierovic

reflecting...
in the mirror
I watch myself growing old

Carol Reynolds

this autumn
I learn to live
with white hairs

Lakshmi Iyer

she draws eyebrows
and knots the bandanna...
last bout

Gavin Austin

fiftieth birthday
focusing on the silver
not the grey

Louise Hopewell

scuffed tile
the nurse's dash
to code blue

Tom Bierovic

wilted roses
on his empty seat—
dinner for one

Tom Staudt

plum blossoms falling in and out of love

Corine Timmer

faded bench –
our fingers now touch
in a dream

Elisa Allo

old road
to the cemetery
leaves at the entrance

Bee Jay

infant epitaphs
their last names
overgrown in grass

Myra King

baby's grave
straightening
an angel

Laurel Astle

her blank face
creases the pillow
grey headstone

Zina Ioannou

crematorium
in stillness I hear
distant traffic

Maurice Neville

slow steps
a curving path
walking to her grave

Maurice Neville

boat drift...
mother comes along
in an urn

Arvinder Kaur

son at the helm
her ashes blown
back to shore

Quendryth Young

autumn light ...
father's lantern
amidst the stars

Lakshmi Iyer

spent oak leaf
so slowly falling...
grief has no words

D.T. Arcieri

night
after the funeral
unlit window

Karen Phillips

clearing the altar
of yesterday's incense...
the solace of rituals

Madhuri Pillai

autumn's colours
patterning my path
another leaf falls

Clive Bennett

rushing
through the last pages
chill wind

Peggy Hale Bilbro

flooded river
a couple's future
rushing past

Hazel Hall

in the middle of it all
a blue tree –
RUOK?

Rose van Son

sloughed skins glinting on the road
– what to leave behind

Tim Roberts

waxing moon...
I can hear myself
and that's enough

Diana Teneva

counting
the moon and the days
I travel alone

Angiola Inglese

new variant-
at home the jacaranda
blooms and fades

Arvinder Kaur

the lingering scent
of camphor and sandalwood
travel diary

Louise Hopewell

provincial inn
in sweet and sour smoke
their stories

Wiesław Karliński

in the distance
where the river meets the sea
soon to be moonlit

Simon Hanson

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