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## Sunday Morning in the Backlands

Here is everything you will need.  
The pastel haze of morning  
lies damp on your breathing skin.  
Cool odor of gum, sweet elixir  
cleanses, awakens the senses.

Here the red kangaroos thrive.  
Like deer in these autumn fields  
they stand, fragile, strong  
in their tawny coats, awaiting  
nothing, wanting for no one.

Here the sky is split open.  
Crimson rosellas, parrots,  
bold cockatoos, lift silence  
into song, brilliant bodies  
penetrating the blue.

Here the world is more than you believed.  
You can drink from the ground  
a liquid like you've never known,  
cold and clear as moonlight,  
stark and pure as God.

-Lisa Stillman '95

