

## ODE TO AUSTRALIA IN HAIKU

*Magpies, snakes, insects and kangaroos....*

the roos jump  
like popcorn of the paddock  
at my approach

a beakful of dirt  
the young magpie's hunt  
unsuccessful

snake on the road!  
I swerve on the gravel  
tyres make an 'S'

in the sun  
a conference of insects  
discuss the afternoon

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## ODE TO AUSTRALIA IN HAIKU AND SENRYU\*

mistaking the bird  
for a mobile ring-tone  
I open my eyes

why in this moment  
does the honeyeater sing?  
Google cannot say

thongs with socks  
stepping over puddles  
towards the pub

a slow combat –  
willows versus  
the landcare group\*

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*\* Senryu are a satirical take on human affairs*