



Sunburnt Country

By Janet Soo

I love a sunburnt country,
But would now prefer some rain
I don't care if it pelts down
And overfills the drain.
The flowers are all dying
The grass is crunchy brown
Come on rain in gallons
Come on, thunder down.
It hasn't rained for such a while
The tank is almost dry

The wind is blowing hot and hard
It's enough to make me cry.
But there is a consolation
On these days so hot and dry
As I look out of my window
I see lorikeets fly by.
They soon return to bathe
In a dish that I can see
And their gaudy colours thrill me
As they splash so joyfully.

Reflection:

As I finished this piece our country was dealing with unprecedented bushfires in several states. I felt humbled when some rain came and revived my garden, and thought of those people who had lost absolutely everything in the bushfires. A strong sense of community is at work and we pray this will ease some of the immense pain many are experiencing.

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