



Simon Hanson Desert Stones



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heat wave
a crow's caw
crosses the paddock

mallee dragon
looking back
a million years

tree hollow
the ins and outs
of another world

filling
the rainwater tank
the drone of bees

paddock wall
the work of hands
long gone

a rusty plough
slowly making its way
back into the ground

across the salt pan
a path trodden by camels
through the haze

midday sun
glints of fire
in black opal

desert stones
slowly their shadows
change sides

snake track crossing wind-rippled sand

bleached bones
a dry creekbed
filled with shadow

fallen bough
polished by the winds
of a century

splitting a pomegranate
a hundred days of summer

dreaming story
between droughts
wildflower bloom

orange sunset
our long shadows
collecting firewood

spinifex country
the afterglow
of wildfire

over the ridge
ten thousand years ago
this same moon

alone
with the millions
Capricorn night

midnight special
the rumble of a semi
outside the roadhouse

all quiet
along the fence line
a fox and its shadow

desert night
a dingo skirts
our fire's glow

across millennia
the urge to touch
cave art

long winter night
a kind of dreaming
gazing at flames

the crow's blue sheen
back again at sunrise

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