

## Firestorm

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when the tinder is dry  
and years of accumulated  
undergrowth  
reach dangerous levels  
a spark,  
only a spark  
is required to start  
a raging, runaway  
inferno.

the Canberra cyclonic firestorm  
of 2003  
bears testimony to the  
rapidity  
with which ignited fuel  
breaks all the rules  
and wreaks major  
devastation  
at blistering speed.

once started  
a firestorm is unstoppable  
nothing is able to extinguish  
a cyclonic inferno  
it must burn itself out.

when social injustices reach  
alarming levels  
and the lies  
of corrupt government  
accumulate  
to form explosive  
huge reserves  
expect  
rapid, violent change,  
and unpredictable destruction.

while such storms  
are explosive,  
skilled fire demagogues  
are able to direct their  
energies and course.

you think ur position, status  
and wealth protect you,  
no!  
in fact they provide the fuel  
that drives the inferno,  
the roaring storm  
that must consume  
everything  
before it diminishes  
and becomes  
controllable.

we wait patiently  
for the inevitable spark  
to ignite the accumulated  
fuel and combustible  
social tinder.

it is well we are ready  
and able to direct  
its course ...

<http://jungledrum.hopto.org/news/story-295.html>

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-297.html>