

## Dormant

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the mute mount  
in the distance  
appears as something  
it is not

at rest now but ferocious  
and merciless when active  
the mount is a volcano  
in repose

do not be deceived by  
its snow-covered summit  
it hides explosive fury and rivers  
of lava - endless fire-streams  
that reduce everything for miles around  
to a moonscape

things are never what they seem,  
everything reverts to itself  
and a volcano is a time-bomb  
ready to explode and wreak havoc  
across the land

mega-tonnes of power in one volcano  
how much more in a caldera,  
a nursery of volcanoes -  
Rabaul and Yellowstone  
are overdue, as is the big one  
along the fault in California

humans are so arrogant  
in times of dormancy;  
they have forgotten how  
vulnerable and insignificant  
they really are

soon, very soon ...

<http://jungledrum.hopto.org/news/story-500.html>



***Rabaul Caldera***

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-353.html>