

## Riding on the Wind

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leaves hiss and pitch  
according to variations in the wind  
below the grasses  
yield  
while their pods that have been waiting patiently  
release their gossamer-wrapped seeds  
to be carried for miles  
to fall and sprout

the wind works without effort  
and the seeds of plants  
that know the wind  
utilise it to spread themselves  
without effort and yet they say  
plants have no intelligence  
while man breaks his back and balls  
daily to survive  
and they say that man's  
intelligence exceeds that of plants

my exposed face and cheeks  
rub against it, my lips dry  
exposed to it  
yet it serves to carry my voice, incanting spells  
that circle the earth continuously

man insists they cannot be realised  
but i have been taught otherwise  
by the flowers and grasses  
of the field which speak to and learn from  
the wind, rain and sun,  
no university matches or teaches this knowledge?

easy becomes a life that harmonises  
and does not resist  
the environment

the indigenous perform rituals and dance  
to it, sending their own messages around the globe  
for future generations  
while the sickness that is white man spews  
pollution in the air, earth and water

not realising he kills himself

at night it whispers  
revealing much to the sensitive ear  
awake or in dream  
but few are listening

with a dry and knowing smile i articulate  
and entrust the remainder of this piece  
to the wind, which carries  
the message to everything on the planet  
it contains the secrets i have learned  
by listening to the wind

the sea below my vantage yields and rolls  
seabirds ride slip-streams for miles  
barley expending energy  
not one thought is required to understand  
the mysteries written on  
the wind  
though i know no white man is capable of listening

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