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Abstract
Poem

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STAINS

Red rain out of the north.
While I sit in a Land Rights meeting
It marks my shiny car
With the broken dreams
Of the Mallee's soldier settlers —

Or does it blow, this dust,
From somewhere further back —
From out of that red centre
The broken hearts
Of our first dispossessed?

My car's an urban upstart,
A little water clears it of this deed.
Some stains are not so easily dispersed.