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Abstract
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depth in the Kufena valley a mighty wind arose. A girl walks ahead
To struggle to keep the eyes open through the dust. To watch the girl struggle with the wind. To see the wind battle the girl. And bind her loose dress around her.
To behold the delicate features thus revealed
To perceive the graying landscape. To watch wild flowers in raptures. Survivors of the drought. To watch butterflies at the feast of the living
To stop for a while by the river. To watch little girls do the number dance. To recall the thought of their mothers by the same spot
To see little boys trek to school in the morning. A ball at their feet. Books under their arms
To cycle to school in the harmattan season. To feel the sun filter through the haze