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# ABOUT GROW

Grass Roots Open Writers (GROW) is a community writing and publishing group, that particularly welcomes people who need to develop confidence in expressing themselves.

*GRASS-ROOTS* - Working towards a foundation of literacy, communication and social skills. The organisation is run by the members themselves.

*OPEN* - Our meetings and events are accessible and friendly. We try to always be aware of our members' support needs and cater for them, as far as possible.

*WRITERS* - People who write for pleasure, healing, personal growth, insight, perspective or to inform. Our members have produced a broad range of writing which includes both formal and informal styles.



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who contributed  
to this anthology.

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## GRASS ROOTS

Grass Roots,  
Reaching down  
Into nourishment  
Finding their place  
Securing their space  
Upon the earth  
Growing  
From darkness  
Into light  
From shadow  
Into brightness

*Ashley Jordan*

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THE SWEET SMELL  
OF SUCCESS

Sweet scented honeysuckle, Daphne rare  
With pinks and carnations scent the air  
Orange blossom with love in the mist  
Scent the air too, in their bliss  
Roses with their exquisite perfume  
Sweetly scented sweet peas, in full bloom  
Sweet fragrant lavender, so blue  
And beautiful stocks scent the air too  
Mother Nature's own creation  
Of aromatherapy in sweet jubilation

*Mary Cook*

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The birds twittering in the trees  
And the sun rises high in the sky  
Flowers bob their heads  
And the meadows  
Are out-stretched for miles  
And trees blowing in the breeze  
And hay waving in the fields  
And grass blowing in the wind  
And rivers running down the hill  
Farmyard animals ambling about  
the field

*Sue Horncastle*

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Colours blooming  
Blending its green, deep light in colours  
Leaves mixing with the sky  
Trees standing tall  
Branches touching each other  
Campers camping in tents  
or camper vans  
Ramblers walking, going back to nature  
Watching wildlife in their own habitat  
Roaming free  
Deer standing with their antlers  
Branching on their heads  
Watching you as you watch them  
Horses grazing, munching on grass  
Worry free.

*Nick Crump*

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Scene of happiness  
Where peace brings beauty  
The sound of galloping horses  
Brings pure joy  
Behind the wind of fire  
The bush sends messages  
The birds and fish dance in silence  
Yellow sand in the canyon  
Send dust as the horses gallop  
The Indians no longer at war  
The green emotion fills the air  
Meditating within the dream of truth  
Scene of happiness once more

*Josie Lawson*

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When I think about nature  
The four seasons always come to  
mind  
Starting with winter  
Cold days, dark nights  
Then comes spring  
The birth of new life, new blooms  
Summer next  
Long warm days, long light nights  
Autumn brings falling leaves  
Windy days, windy nights  
Next back to winter

*Kim Smith*

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My reason is the nature  
that I have become  
It is as diverse as the  
colours of summer  
The bountiful bloom of the spring  
holds my senses in awe  
As I pass into autumn,  
with its shades,  
like the moonlight  
The coldness of the heart, like the winter  
I long for another summer,  
Like a lover waits for an embrace  
To feel the warmth  
of its refreshing breath  
I wait in hope, saying  
I don't want to be alone tonight

*Stephen Taylor*

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O what a lovely word  
Walking around a quiet  
Lake. Smells come and go  
Animals, birds, bees, slow  
Us down. Breeze winds  
Air around. O what a  
Wonderful sound. Trees  
Shed their leaves, Pollen  
Makes us sneeze  
Peace all around.

*Jan & Ryan Humphreys*

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