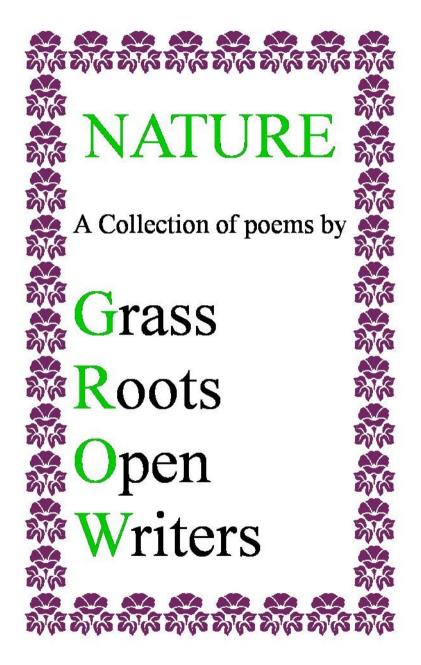


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ABOUT GROW

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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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

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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 © 01/07/2008

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 breeze And prass blowing in the fields And grass blowing in the wind And rivers running down the hill Farmyard animals ambling about the field

> Sue Horncastle © 08/07/2008

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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 © 01/07/2008

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* © 01/07/2008

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 © 30/06/2008

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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.

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