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Old rubbish

Leaf litter

fallen twigs branches even

first radiating stars of flowers

from these eucalypts

planted six years ago

on this century old hill of rubbish

landfill swamp fill trash

dumped than piled onto trash

four football fields long

and half one high

shrill with rocketing parrots

silent as the stalking egret

welcoming as these curious ducks

elegant with the black majesty of swans

cautious as I am in my kayak

nudging its new skirt

of swamp grass

and the trees

rooted in rubbish and bearing

such a prodigal rebirth!

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