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Look at them standing about –  
like wildflowers, which have nowhere  
else to grow – Rainer Maria Rilke

silver-mauve against blue  
*Mulla mulla* flowers  
smart the roadside

the road dips then bends  
pindan red balloons edges  
railway tracks banish Spinifex

in evening light  
snappy gums stamp shadows  
wrap their trunks in late news

beyond the bend  
the road taking us further  
than where we wanted to go