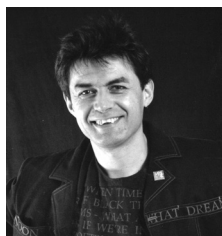


# The Scenic Route

The sales rep as off-road warrior  
is zooming across the sheep's back,  
where argonauts of the golden fleece  
conjure broken ranges of a green utopia,  
bonsai forests of coffee-mug trees,  
ashen snowdrifts of province histories.  
Anzac poppy harvests in skunkweed sacks,  
held by skateboarders shooting the breeze,  
travel the scenic route through old Karori;  
newspapers thick as trees carry the story  
to nga rangatira slipping on cowpats.  
Clinical foetuses model designerware;  
rugby stars glue mobiles to cauliflower ears;  
Adam Smith's invisible hand scratches DJ tracks.



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