

KOONORIGAN

By Sara Khamkoed

My body
of mountains and valleys
curls beneath
a patchwork of pastures,
spotted with slumbering cows
and striped with citrus trees.
My breath rustles
through eucalyptus leaves
that twist like tangled hair
as the forest hums a lullaby;
a melody of cricket trills,
pattering moth wings,
snuffling echidnas,
and the rhythmic drumming of frogs.
A nightlight of stars dangle,
they sparkle and spangle,
reflected on the river that runs through my veins.

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