

Light & Shadow

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Eye of the Currawong

Your eye lodged in my brain,
I could feel the fiery weight of it,
the golden gleam, the searing
intensity.

Down through the tented
tree ferns you came sailing
into this place of the musically
trickling stream

of the deftly-darting, piping
scrub wrens. As you dipped
and sipped, as you raised your
ink-black head

and gazed out through
the inscrutable glass of your eyes,
I found myself drawn into
the ineffable.

Your thirst assuaged, you took flight,
soared out of sight into the embrace
of leaf and branch. And I, emerging
from the place

of tented tree ferns and the musically
trickling stream, adjusted my psyche
to the fragmenting fabric
of civilisation.

But even now, indelibly embedded
deep within the labyrinth
of my brain, your bright
and luminous eye.