

## **Seasonal Revelations**

great trees do not grow overnight

they live through droughts  
floods  
axes  
and birds

saplings wish they could comprehend  
how much of the earth is invested  
in great trunks

but can only appreciate the strength  
acquired  
seasonally

and you mothers  
aunties  
and grandmothers  
are the greatest trees of all

and you give me the most desired  
shelter and shade

Romaine Moreton, *Post me to the Prime Minister*, 2004.