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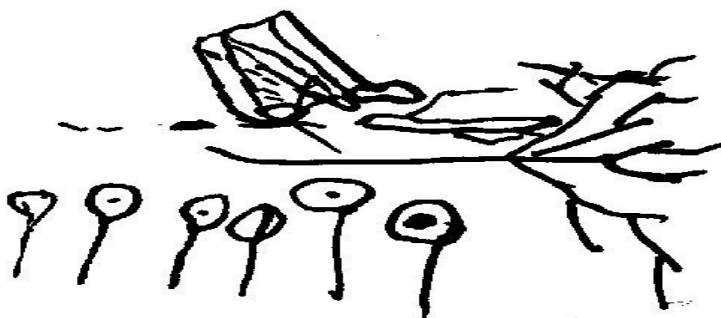


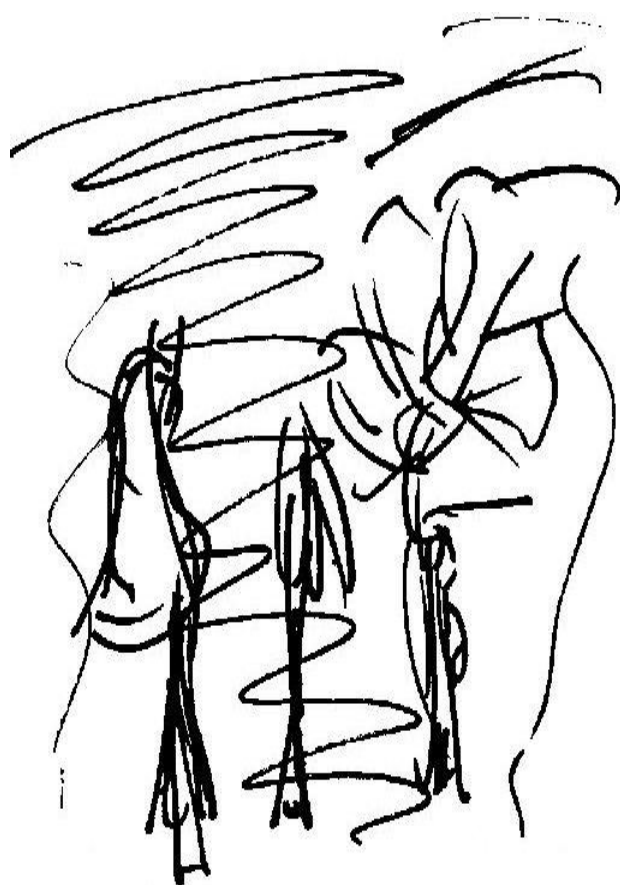
"The class took the central concepts of haiku in their stride and were fantastic to work with. Some of the images they came up with were startling. Hopefully the result is a modern, fluid set of haiku which are offered to the public to share our experience of the woodland, or to enhance your own visit."

Lucy Burnett, 2009

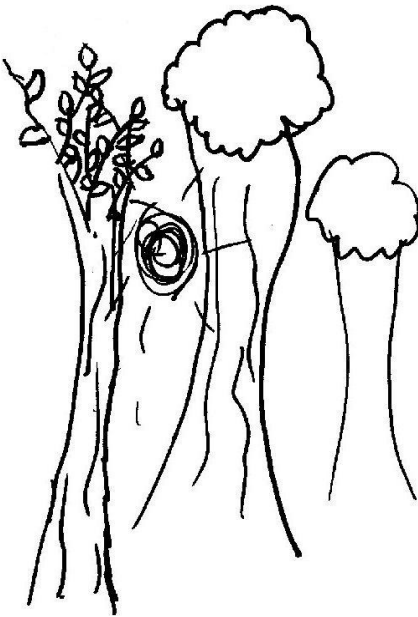


The haiku in this pamphlet were written and illustrated in 2008—2009 by the pupils of Creetown Primary School with Galloway born poet Lucy Burnett. The class had recently been on a visit to the woodland and what they saw, heard, smelt, touched and tasted forms the basis of these poems. While retaining certain traditional features of haiku, such as brevity and a reference to nature / the seasons, a modern flexible approach is taken. Rather than strictly counting syllables, the focus is on the essence of haiku: capturing images in words and creating emotions through these images rather than personal expression. The poems were written by the class as a whole, with fragments of writing by all pupils combined and adapted to create the final poems. The illustrations follow sumi-e principles. This form of Japanese art is often used to illustrate haiku in order to turn the words of the poems back into the images from which they originated. Copies of some of these poems have been inscribed on standing stones at the entrance to Balloch Wood, Creetown.

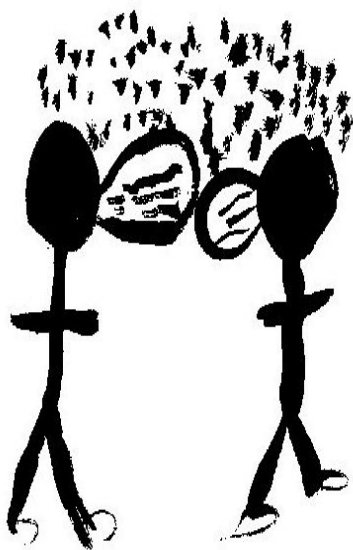




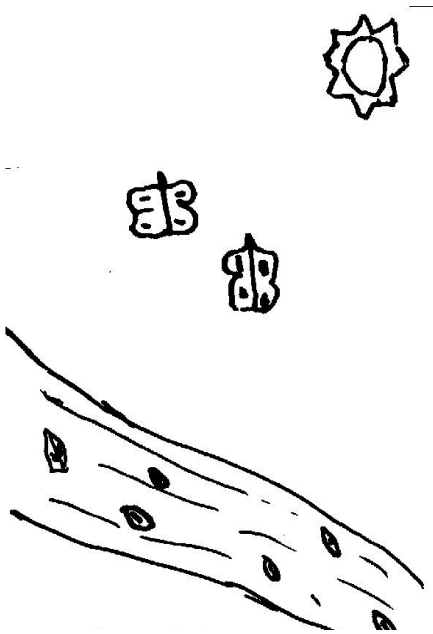
light between larch trees
the overlapping echoes
of childrens' voices



midges hover over
the sound of people
talking



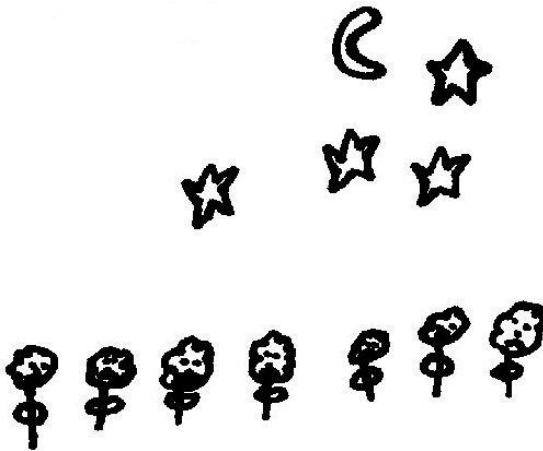
butterflies dance
light in the sky
old brown leaves
float downstream



water is banging
off the rocks
hardly



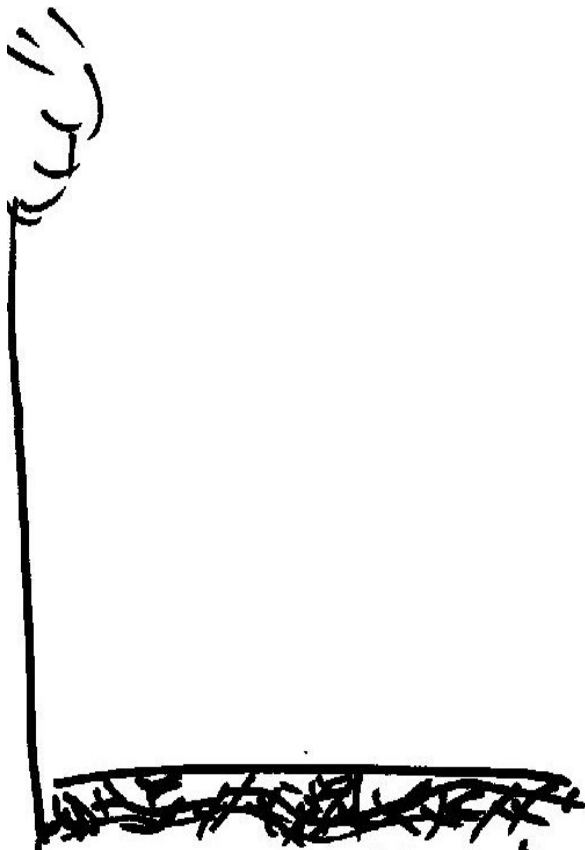
yellow-purple-white
flowers growing slowly
getting scared of the dark



touched rough bark
under the bark were slaters
and other creatures



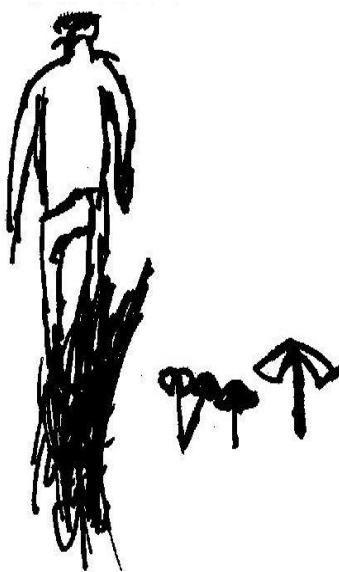
roots spread everywhere
along the path a line
of soft, silky feathers



baby frogs front flip
into a bubbly red pool



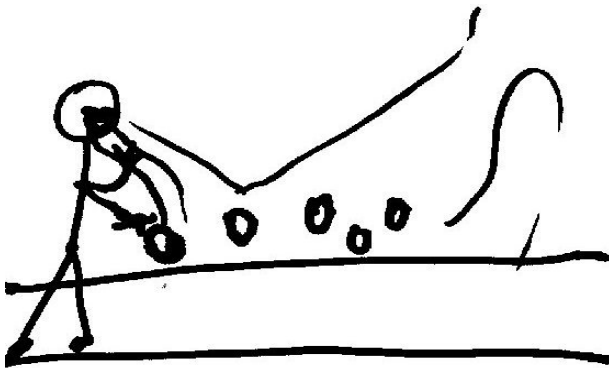
walking over broken
branches
smooth bluebells stand tall



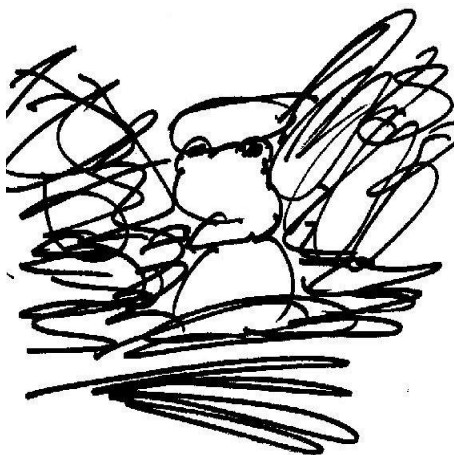
smelt resin it felt sticky



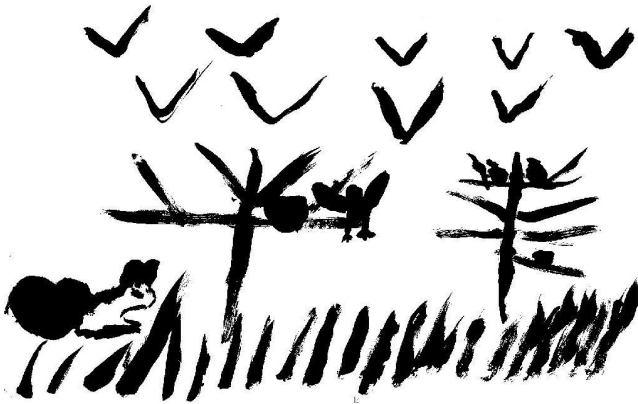
from the white
skeletons of leaves
a smell of mint



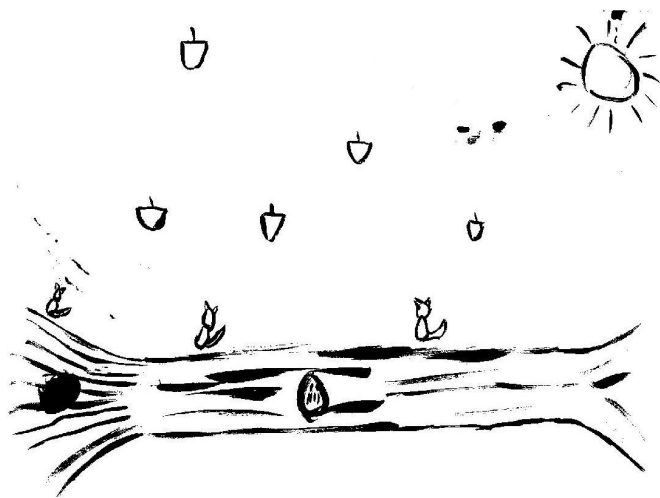
a camouflage frog
amongst dead leaves
slimy green moss

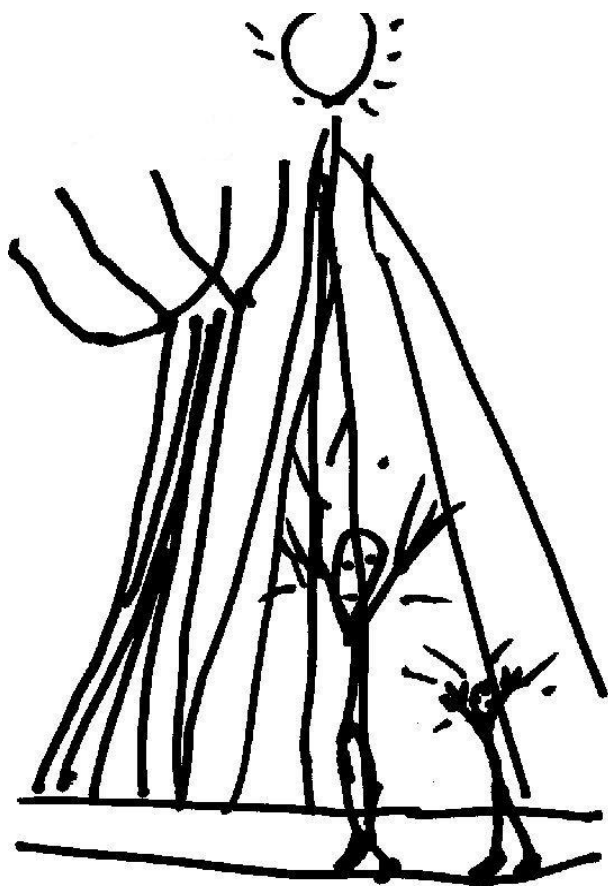


animals come out
from hibernation
until grass sways
with the slow wind



a tree stump has fallen over
red squirrels climb





The Class

Katie Allen
QPS

Rocky
Pigs

Ally
Piper

Brogan
Parker

Abie
Patterson

Megan
Monroe

Rabla
Woods

Clay

Clay

Madie

Clay

Chloe
Parker

Timmy
Parker

Tegan
Parker

Clay

Todd
Parker

Connor

Clay

Tony
Heron

McKee
Kirsten

James
Wallace

Kirsty
Ann
Hamilton

Ally
Piper

Rory

Julie
Parkinson

Clay
Gess

Rory

Kirsty
McGonigle

Krista
McGaw

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