

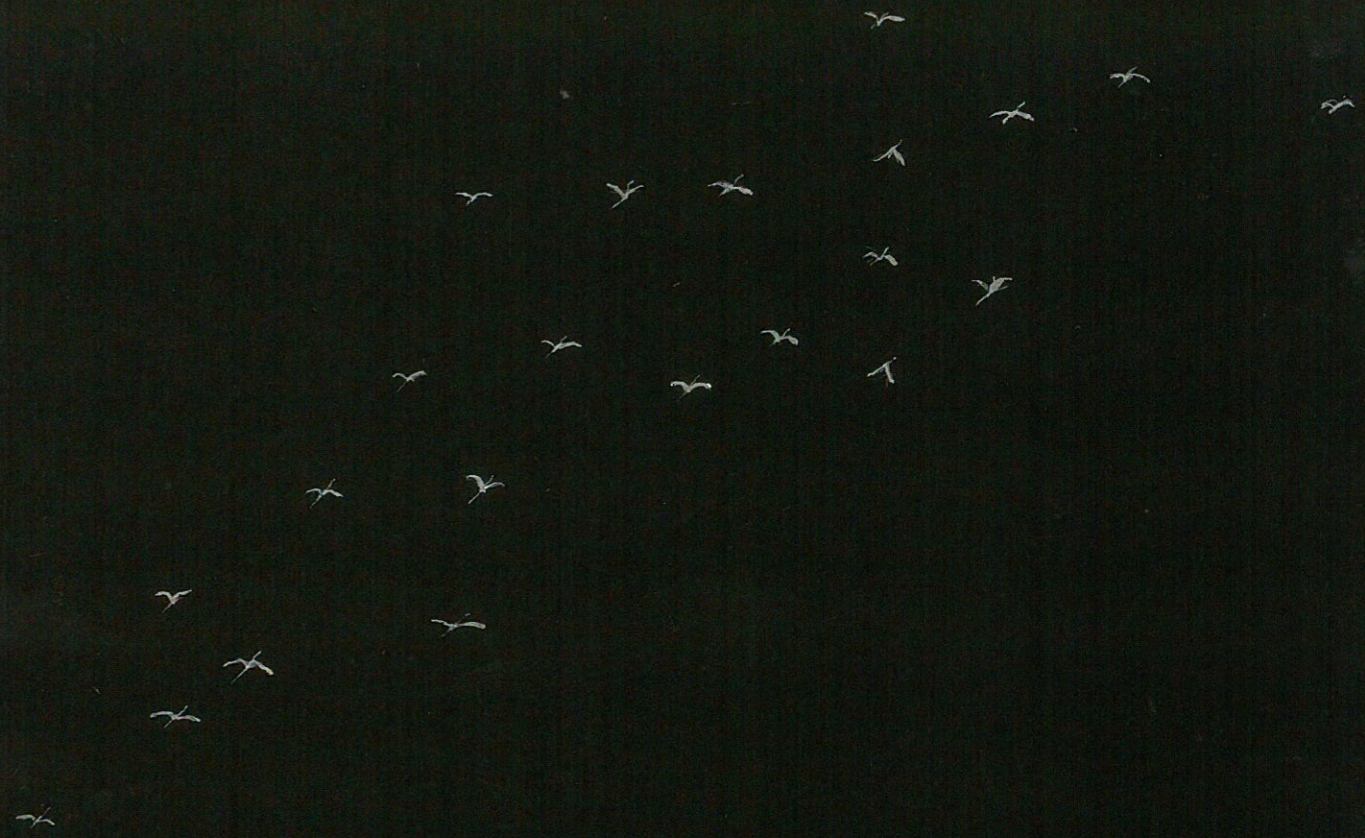
THE LAND IS BARE AND BROWN  
AND THE WIND BLOWS EMPTY  
ACROSS THE PLAINS.



WHERE IS THE RICH, DARK EARTH,  
BROWN AND MOIST?

WHERE IS THE SMELL OF RAIN  
DRIPPING FROM THE SKY?

WHERE ARE THE GREAT BILLABONGS  
ALIVE WITH LONG-LEGGED BIRDS?







WHO WILL SAVE US FROM THE RABBITS?





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