



The Edge of Things

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Anne Powell's poems reach from the soul-baring Waikanae River all the way across the earth to cascades of stars over cold desert sand. At times focusing on the wealth of wisdom nature imparts upon patient observation, at others on the daily realities of those people who live beyond our familiar trajectories, Anne Powell stays grounded in her ability to see the sacred in a world of both stillness and disturbance.

Of all beginnings

At Huka Falls
I stand silenced
by the power and purity
of water.

Hukanui!

You thunder through the cathedral
cleft of granite
anointing me with your spray
that empowers me to live
the channel carved out for me.
I feel the wildness of your current call me
to the deeply hidden spring
of all beginnings.
Your flying spray
blesses my faltering steps.
Branches offer their limbs
like Easter people fresh from washing.



Anne Powell has three previous collections of poems: *firesong* (1999), *Enough clear water* (2001) and *Tree of a thousand voices* (2010) for which she was runner up in the Ashton Wylie Book Awards. She was born in New Plymouth and lives in Waikanae in the community of Cenacle Sisters (www.cenacle.org.nz).

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