

## **Little Manly**

The sun's unblinking gaze

Unwinds me

My eyes settle before a calm expanse

The scent of salt comes and goes

A somnolent glow illumines the sand

unfolding its hypnotic smile

*I love* –imbued in every grain

The oblivion of endless summer

Staggering infants brim with wonder

Their piccolo voices effervescing

Fluros flip-flap warm, wet skin

As waves whip their toes

Sand sticks to calves and feet

Like crumbs to a cheese cake

Sea-water sprays, curls, anoints

A briny, elemental incense

I turn my head to hear

A giggle of birds in breezy trees

A fibro tuckshop frescoed pink

Incongruous amongst velvety, verdant leaves

Every lungful of air a sigh

I snake from my clothes

Skin shimmering with

Armoured unguents

Through a tear in the fabric of clouds

I squint an architect's model:

The hazy emerald city

*A thousand miles from care*

I stand on the threshold of

Something I can't quite grasp

Not an answer, a question

I wonder what to do with so much blue