

Song from the Halfway House
Paul Chambers



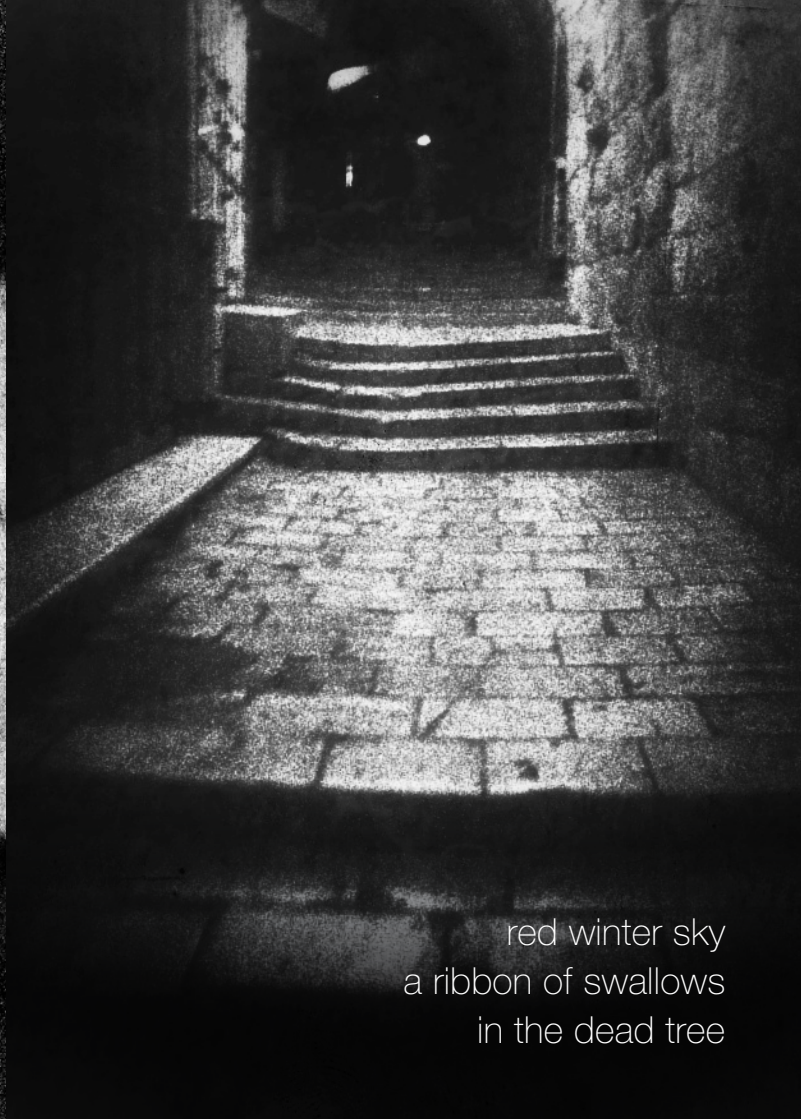
burnt autumn sky
the fold
of a shot deer



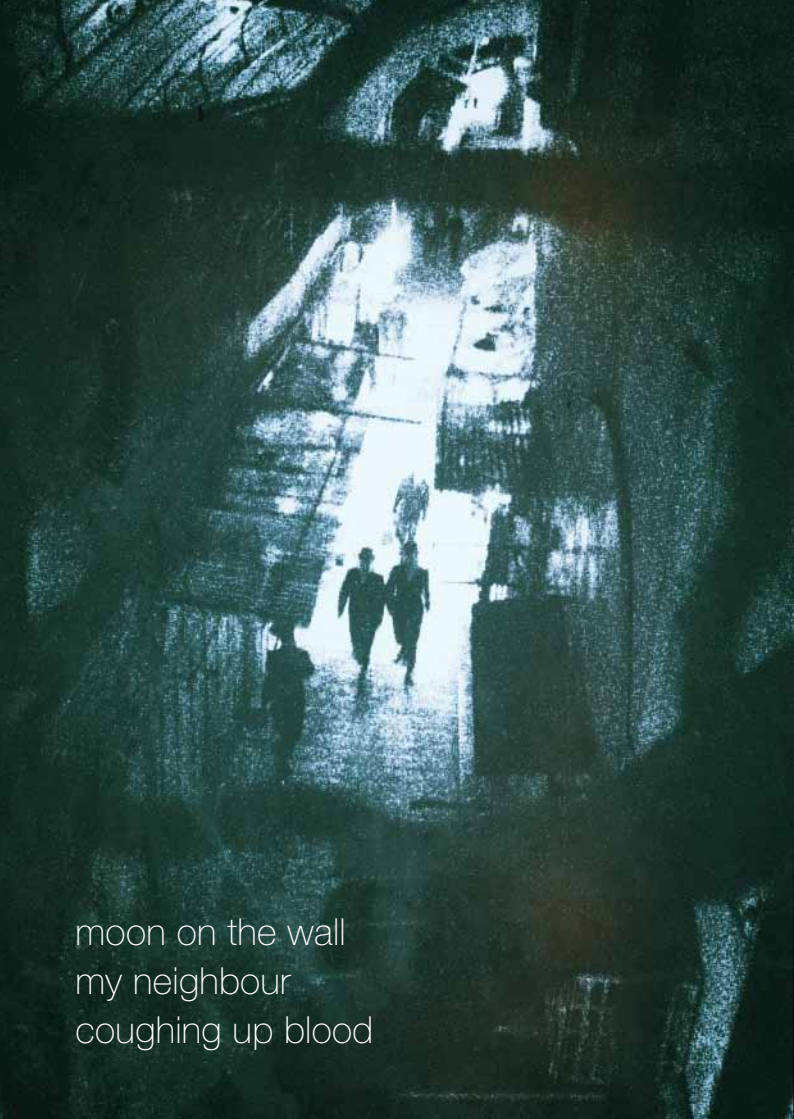
slow white tide
a lame bird flitters
in the grass



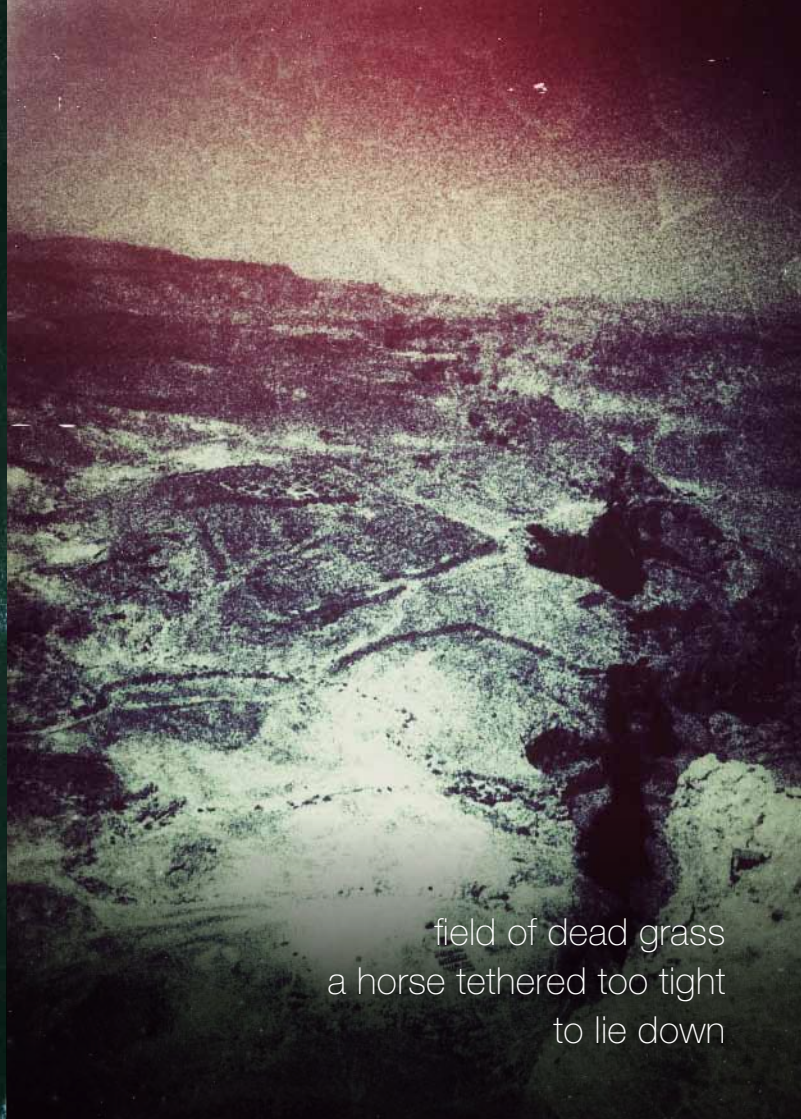
autumn wind
the sky on the water
broken



red winter sky
a ribbon of swallows
in the dead tree



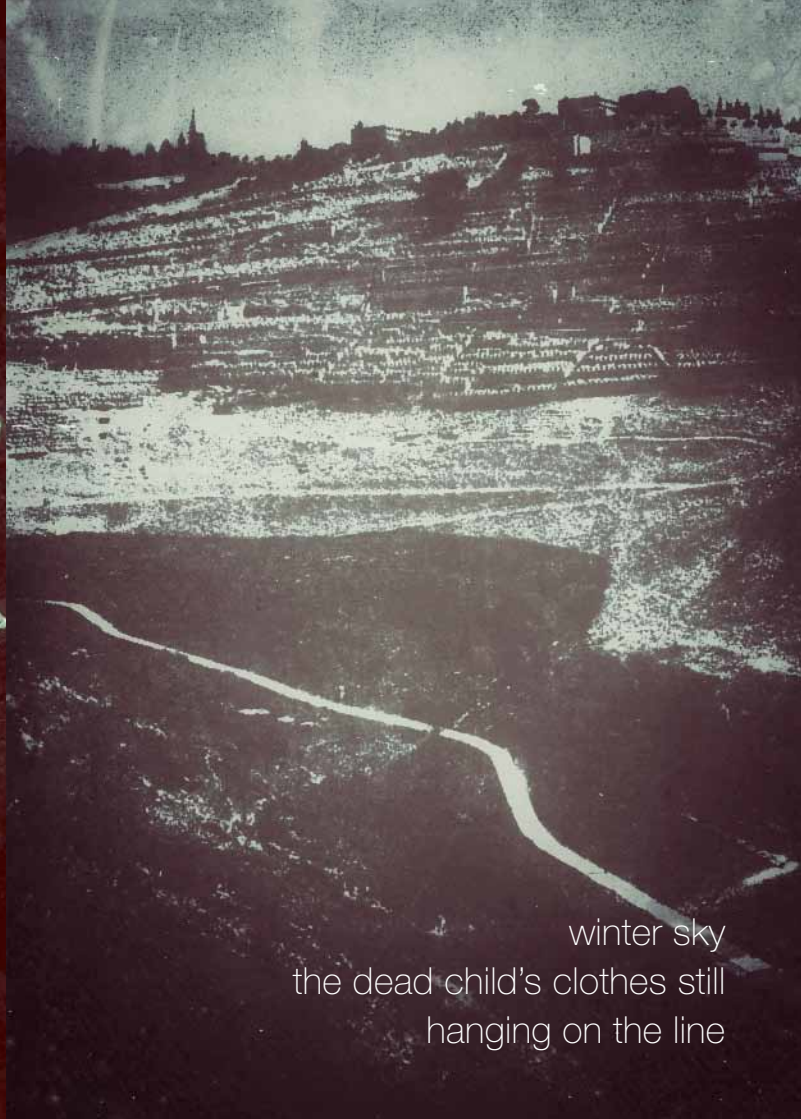
moon on the wall
my neighbour
coughing up blood



field of dead grass
a horse tethered too tight
to lie down



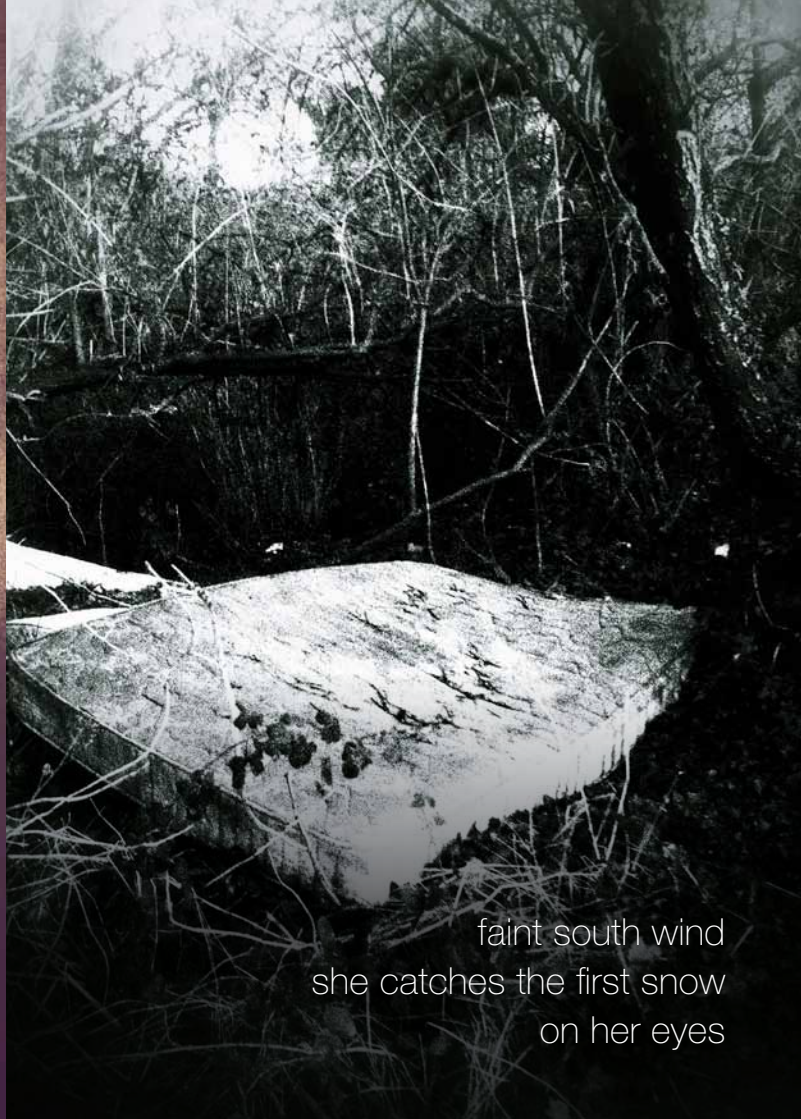
in the brown river
they search for a body
hammering rain



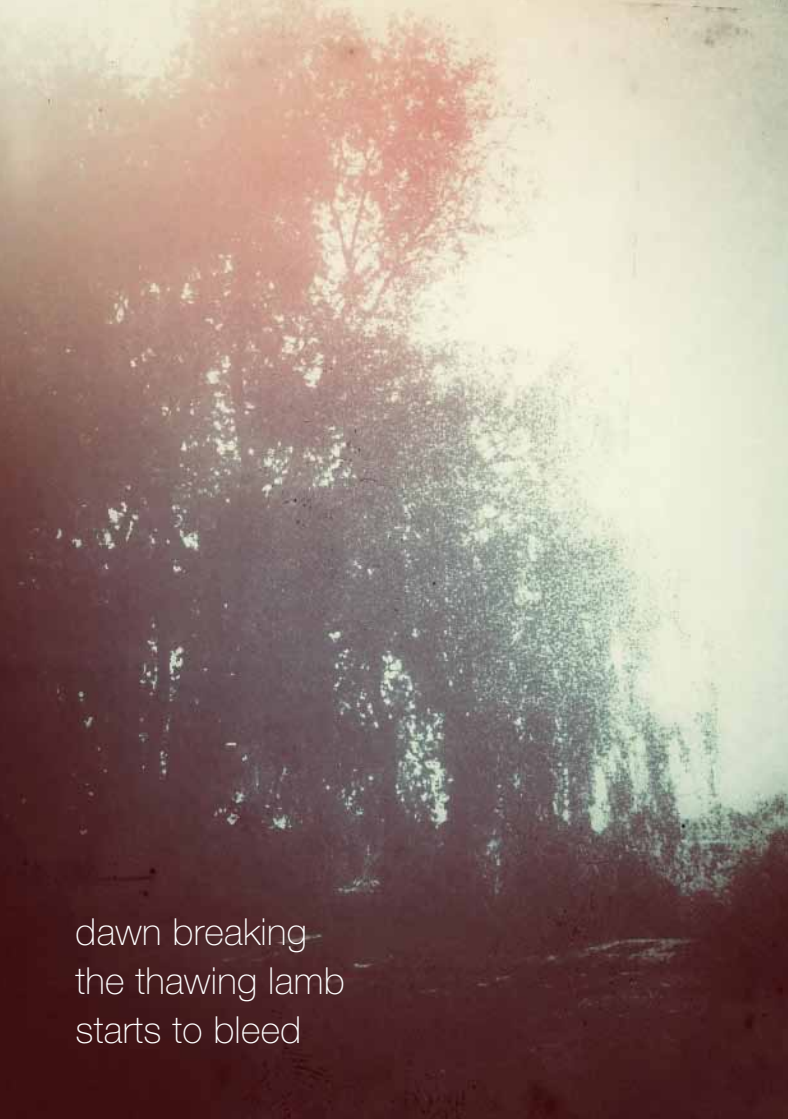
winter sky
the dead child's clothes still
hanging on the line



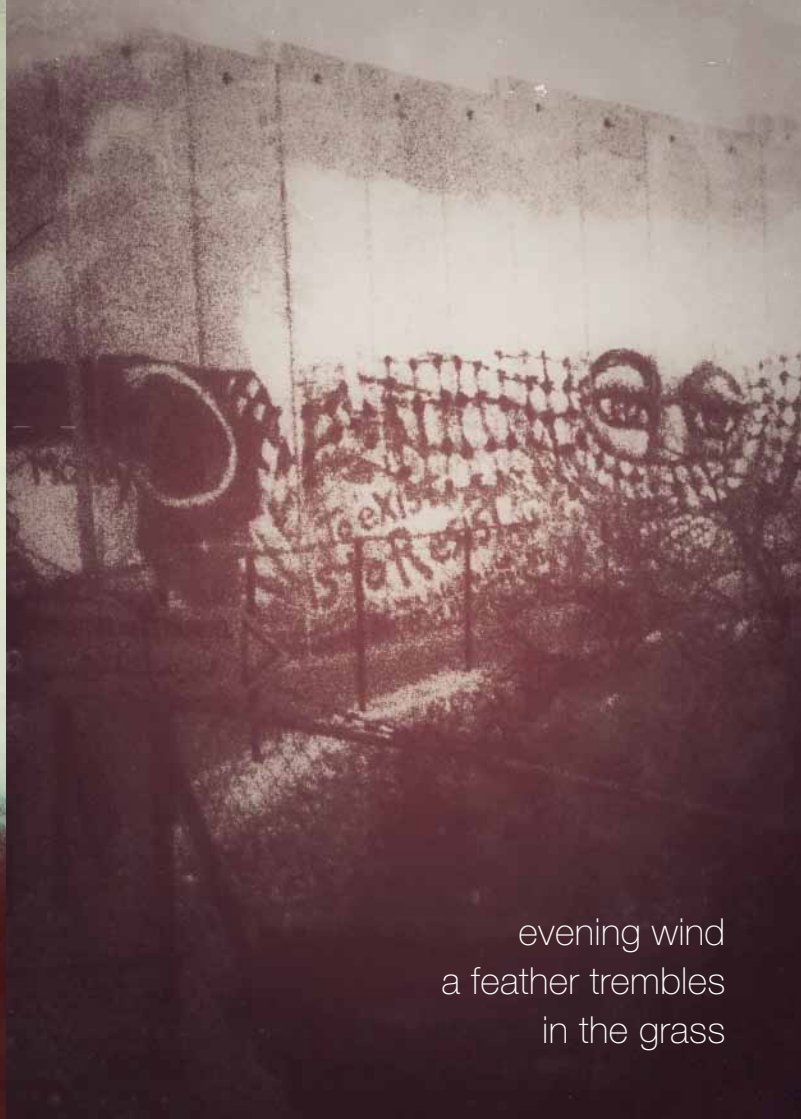
christmas morning
a sparrow breaks the crumbs
from the broken bread



faint south wind
she catches the first snow
on her eyes



dawn breaking
the thawing lamb
starts to bleed



evening wind
a feather trembles
in the grass



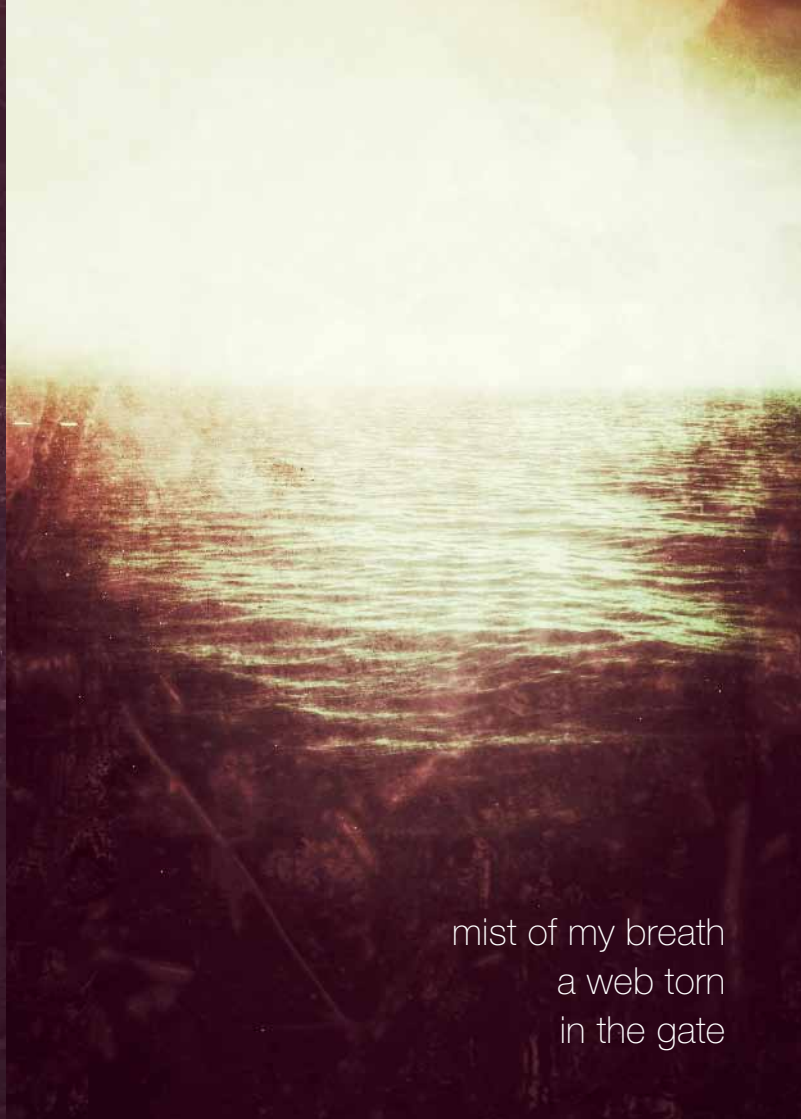
mist on the window
her small hand
traces a prayer



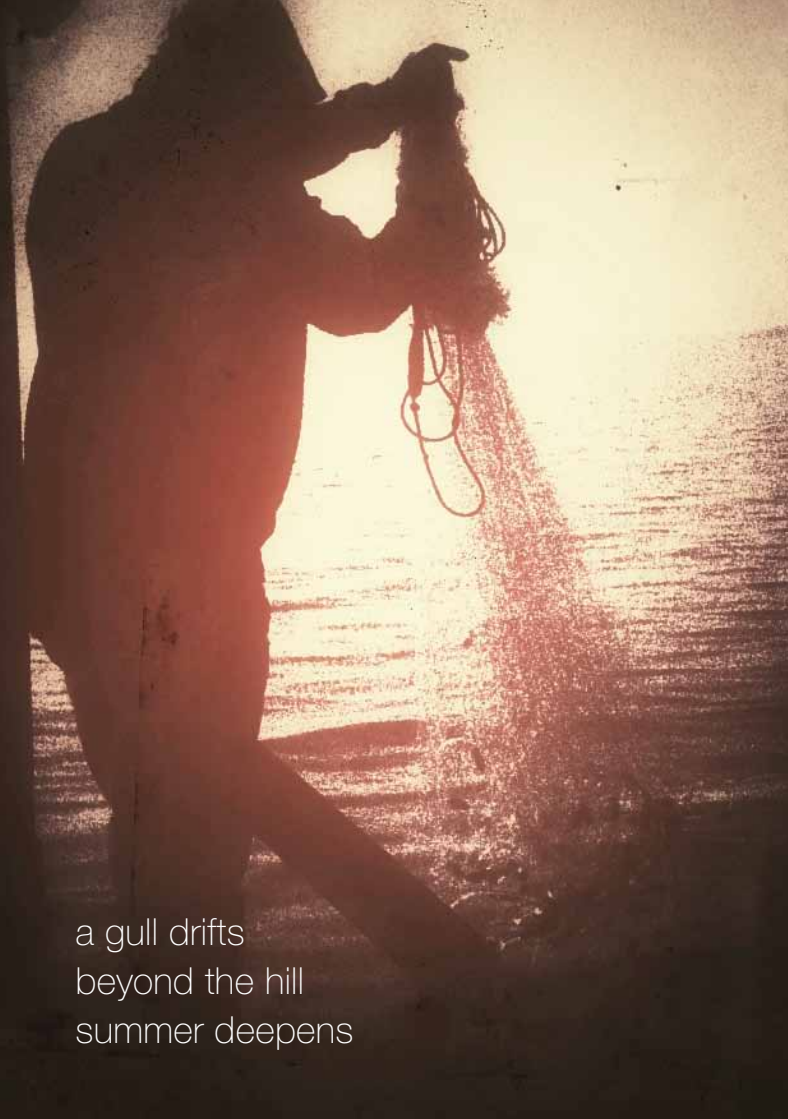
lying still
after making love
windblown leaves



summer dusk
girls chalk their shadows
on the new tar



mist of my breath
a web torn
in the gate



a gull drifts
beyond the hill
summer deepens



white mist
the wing and the wave
almost touching