

Eclogue I - Acacia mearnsii

A—case—of—crossing—from—an—other—point——The—thorn——But—unarmed
——Black—wattle——To—weave—down—stone——With—a—pioneering—spirit——
A—spray—of—butter—coloured—flowers——Like—wax—globes—in—a—sessile—
bottle—of—olive—oil——Left—out—in—the—AirBnB——Where—zero—cooking—is
——permitted——Our—roots—trap—bacteria—who——In—return——A—gift——
Must—bind—nitrogen—to—the—soil——To—become—soft—leather————resin
——thinners——For—settlers——Perhaps——Even—this—paper——Who—secures
——the—profits—of—our—timber—and—tannins——*Mearnsii*——From—Edgar—
Alexander—Mearns——Army—doctor—of—Scottish—origin——In—the—Philippines
——To—grow—back——In—the—bushfire’s—lace—work—of—ash——Our—being—
becomes—an—invitation—to—extirpate——Over—there——We—create—the—labour
——that—later—signs—for—our—negation——The—job—is—sweetly—compensated
——Seeds—schlepped—by—slender—ants——Or—squeezed—inside—sedulous—
firewood——Like—a—chemical—dream——To—be—hated——For—living—too—
long—in—a—dormant—state——Half—a—century——Which—half—of—a—life—is
——that——Strangling—streams—and—zones—of—runoff——The—levy—of—lost—
water—in—a—year——Source—The—Department—of—Environmental—Affairs——
One—point—four—billion——A—photograph—of—a—boy—branding—his—peacock
——feather——We—can—see—it—but—cannot—grip—onto—his—memory——Mearns
——That—site—for—a—childhood—shape——Running—away—from—home——For
——the—first—time——We—imagine—the—edge—of—our—suburb——A—playground
——swamped—by—rotting—woodchips——Was—that—the—end—of—our—enclosure
——And—the—start—of—the—next——An—infusion—of—acacia—bark—in—water
——Passed—down——Can—treat—stomach—aches——We—worry—will—tail—us—
until—we—die——Old—complaints——Follow—new—continents——Theorising—

knowledge—in—the—late—hour——Yesterday’s—falling—rain——Spewing—from—a
—hose——That—stirs—like—a—snake——We—step—on——Tomorrow——Just—
over—there.