

Poaceae¹ & Chameleon²

The rice is cut and clouds glisten in the fields....

A wanderer, I place my trust in the world....

After solstice, sunlight slowly lengthens.... Tu Fu

po ac ea ee po ac ea eye po ac ea ee eye o
cham e le on chrys an the mum cham e le on
chrys an the mum cham e le on on o o o o o o

we grow everywhere go anywhere do everything
high-fiving to everyone along the way ding-donging
sashaying sometimes slow then fast slow again
we change all change blending & sending messages
from Hunan to Glasgow to Perth inside & outside from
Aberdeen to Edinburgh paddling the Forth & Clyde Canal

how beautiful and fresh the grass returns!

when golden days decline, the meadow burns; (Po Chü-i)

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wherever we go we make rainbows we belong sing-a-long
with a congress of creatures bouncing & dancing thru bamboo
barking – roaring – crowing – bleating – neighing – muttering –
squeaking – chuffing – hissing – grunting – bellowing – laughing
from Hillhead to Kinning Park Maryhill Govan Kelvingrove
Garnethill George Square Forth & Clyde Canal what a hullabaloo

folding & unfolding we fold again and again that longing
for *freedom come all ye come all ye* come loud come strong
forever changing our begging bowls held high tofu – proud
this being that becomes a song a kite a dragon all colours
shapes & sizes grass sprouting between our toes welcome all
with noses to terra cotta cups we taste the Wu Tan mountains

anything can happen anything is possible
with Ricefield Arts

¹ *Po-ay-see-eye* or *Po-ay-sea-ee* reputed to be the most difficult word to pronounce in the English language. It means grasses including rice, wheat, millet, bamboo and more....What kind of plant is Ricefield Arts – answer : grass

² When I asked a volunteer: if Ricefield Arts were an animal, what animal would it be – answer : Chameleon