

LEAPING HARE

Leaping hare
still in flight
the rocket has bolted

actions, thoughts, seeds
scattered to the four corners

seeking soil
rootstock and fruitwood
a forged coupling

snap frosts change everything
kids stomp on the roof

drumming the land
clays bake and crack
apply seaweed poultice

migration to the edges
tomato sandwiches wilt in the boot

Snap the branch!
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peas, carrots and sage
in the bed together

up early I amuse my chick
returning the birdsong
over the roof

giving and sharing
are different things

small furry animals
bring out the best in you?
skin it, pin it and piss on it

uncomfortable, goosepimpled,
restless bloody hands

suspended amber
split plums
spill sugary sap

wayward bugs trail
across the plastic dome

the roots hide
beneath a layer of cold
paper-thin

forking wet oak leaves
releases warm tannin

cat in,
kettle on,
switch on'telly

potting golden hops
calms the mind

sleet gusts,
tight quince buds
turning in

this patch of ground
has it's own front door.

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