

## CHRIS MANSELL

### ON THE LAND

while some farmers on the land can tighten  
there's no option in the city  
but to accept accepted it is accepted  
in the industry heavy undercapitalisation the normal  
the accepted cant forecast politician playing with fire  
interest to working cut throats accepted  
the difference  
the airport and a few years' concern  
and then accepted  
influence taking its toll and it's not just a massive  
58 million dollars 37 million dollars 3.5 billion dollars  
ensuring stability in the marketplace  
takeovers becoming more frequent the style  
the accepted style  
you would be surprised at the holding companies  
their results and presumably there are local companies  
remaining ineffectual the accepted result is not likely  
to be good news  
for farmers it never is  
accepted service and parts  
and an accepted disadvantage of thin cheque books  
for consumers for the price of luxurious commodities  
one point of view accepted is that the worst isn't here  
yet and it could be another two or three years  
the phone rings  
and I do not say the end  
I am not the accepted treasurer

## BETH SPENCER

### DANCE, WITH RED WOOL

*There's a rhythm here* that I can't get.  
Can't get it now and couldn't then.

The poem fidgets like an old crone,  
like a five year old