

*Kevin Densley*

## ADAM LINDSAY GORDON

Adam Lindsay Gordon,  
a typical extreme depressive,  
lived a hectic, varied life  
to help him fill the time:  
slipshod poet,  
reckless steeplechase rider,  
stuttering South Australian MP ...  
One dawn, he walked to a Melbourne beach,  
put a pistol in his mouth  
then shot a hole through the back of his head  
the size of a shilling.  
On an early walk,  
a man saw his lanky form  
branching from the ti-trees.

