

CONUNDRUM

Piles of people, stacked
in brick shelving
lie north south east west
something incredible
the tally of people
an erstwhile cow paddock
can sleep on its slopes
when developed.

Should the farmer return
(return he may never)
where the herd slept high
with the ironbarks he
could lift off the roofing
play spy on the sleepers
put a price on each carcass
or enter a date for the
calving.

Overstocking he'd say
far too much to the acre
and we all know what that means
– for cattle.

For people? Excuse him, not
he, they or we
care to answer
conundrums.