

VOLKER WOLF

Hans Volker Wolf was born in 1947 in Mosbach, Baden, West Germany. He obtained his M.A. at the University of Heidelberg and, having won a scholarship to study Australian literature, came to James Cook University in 1976, where he was awarded the degree of M.Lit. After this he travelled widely within Australia before returning to Germany where he now lives.

He was particularly interested to see how Australian life and society was reflected in the work of Patrick White and took the opportunity while here of immersing himself fully in the community. His experiences in Australia inspired a small collection of poems both in English and his native language. We have selected five for inclusion in this issue.

GUMS

wo der gelbe pfad
zitronen bricht
für die sinne,
im herbst
sie bewahrt
von knusprigen blättern,
versteckt
der kalyptus
bleich
seine vielfalt

SONN URBIA

die straÙe ist
kein ausweg;
verklammert
durch private
abnehmer
erstreckt sie sich
in die küchen,