

Odour of Rain

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The evening rain arrived unannounced,
only the sound of water droplets,
on scorched roof tiles.
Then, it fled.

The parched grass,
now more disgruntled,
its roots stirred
by the odour of water.

Again, the sound of thunder teases.
Still no rain.
The over-worked air-conditioner
drones on.

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