

Uplands

The dominant moorland, stony, steep:
dotted below are grazing sheep.
Elevated metres above the sea
are wild woodlands, bogs and scree.
Desolate, windswept, inclement weather,
greyness entwined with sprigs of heather.
U-shaped valleys, rugged, raw,
peatland, grassland, mountain moor
Characterised by chiselled domes,
gullies, ridges, landscaped cones.
Ground hugging vegetation
encouraging carbon sequestration.
The golden eagle skilfully glides
beneath the rocks his victim hides.
Tenacious grouse of red and black
speedily swooping for grub attack.
Routes for walkers, uneven terrain
hampering strides by muddied rain.
Panoramic views from summits high,
dramatically sculpted against the sky.
Burnished bracken, autumnal scene,
Grasses threaded beige, gold and green.
Fast flowing rivers, a trickling stream,
contrasting colours: an artist's dream
Nature's sounds- smells- peaceful - calm
clears the mind like soothing balm.
Politicians should understand
the importance and beauty of our land
Spiritual uplands, the trek to preservation
and conservation of our beloved nation.