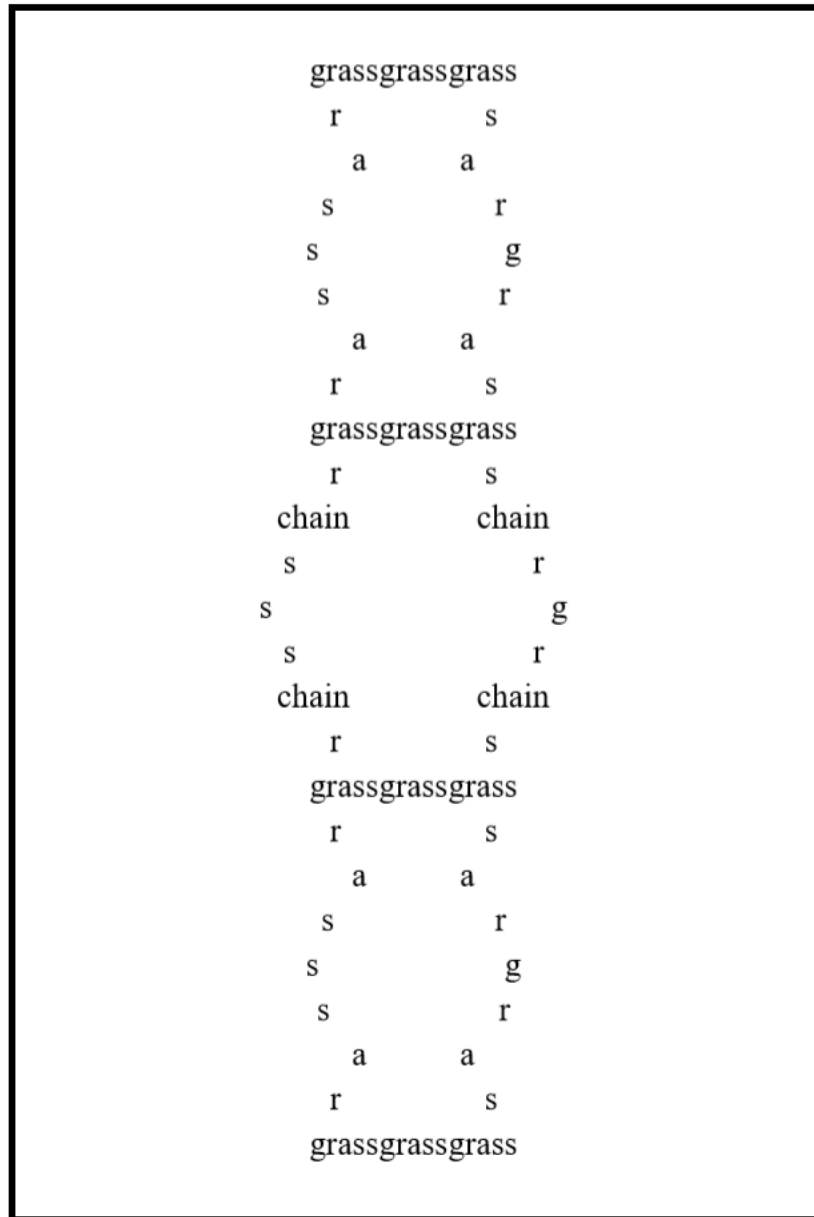


# C H A I N G R A S S



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Editor's Note (Revised):

Catherine Vidler's *Chaingrass* is the first digital chapbook published by *petrivor*. Strange things, maybe a few mundanely profound things, will find homes here in the future. If there is no real obstacle in this world keeping a person from making their art, then let it be realized. Yawp, and we will listen.

Catherine knows the editing side of this better than I do, having supervised the exemplary Australian poetry journal *Snorkel* many years now. Here, she takes on concrete poetics, but if this series reminds me of anything else, it would be 60s Op Art (Bridge Riley, Angel Duarte), except the lines are traded for letters. Symbols. Icons. Pictographs returning to just image, glyphs of a sound, a single word chanting in dance over the page. We at *petrivor* offer you these signs on which to focus, and hope you have been practicing your mantras.

— SC, 10/2016

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*I saw how breeze in the chaingrass  
made the small chains sing,*

*I began to recall  
how the words came knocking.*

—Bill Manhire, “Falseweed”

Catherine Vidler's first collection of poems, *Furious Triangle*, was published in 2011 by Puncher & Wattmann. She has a second collection forthcoming. Catherine's poems have appeared in journals including *Blackbox Manifold*, *Antipodes*, *Sport*, *takahē*, *Turbine*, *Quadrant*, and *Southerly*. Catherine is the editor of trans-Tasman literary magazine *Snorkel*.

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