

Solomon's Seal – Ian Farnes

Scabs and scars seal up our folds
this world will not fold in on us
while we know what passes
while we know what gives
these many flowered stems
their time to bend and arch
towards the earth

In each root cut, symbols slowly
reveal code, wove into ladders
stretching upwards to Jubal
who hands new strings to David
dreaming music for the beasts of earth
who wait for other worlds

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Ian Farnes started writing song-lyrics at sixteen, but is now married to a poet who has encouraged him to write poetry. He has poetry published in *Gutter* and short fiction in *The Selkie*, *thi wurd* and *The Common Breath*, including their forthcoming anthology: *The Middle of a Sentence*.

Favourite poem: To a Mouse, Robert Burns.