

## iced Coca Cola

out at the edge of the airfield  
the temperature was over a hundred . . .

we were stripping anti-radiation paint  
off the wings of a Canberra bomber . . .  
wearing sunglasses . . . shorts . . . white rubber boots . . .  
and they gave us free iced Coca Cola  
to quench our thirst . . .

it was DIY . . .  
climbing up ladders . . . brushing on stripper . . .  
working on wings as slippery as glaciers . . .  
washing it off with hoses . . .

when Dixo slid over we sprayed him down . . .  
the water saturated with stripper . . .  
running with radiation

and nobody gave a shit about this water . . .  
about where it came from . . .  
what it was used for . . .  
or where it was going . . .

and nobody gave a shit about us