

Collaboration

This **collaboration** of artist Sally Bamber and poet Maggie Norton celebrates ignored and unheralded/overlooked wild flowers. Each artist responds to the dance and voice of a living thing by expressing their feelings in complimentary words and pictures.



Clock's Ticking, Farmer!

Rhianthus minor

I'm open-mouthed and purple-toothed,
hear my pepperpot seed-head prattle
in the breeze when I tittle-tattle

'Time to get up, get cracking on the hay
grown tall from seedlings quickened in May –
wheel out your machines on a July day!'

I push down suckers into grasses' roots
and steal their minerals as I raise my shoots
clear of trampling hooves or boots.

I fetch up iron, I fetch up zinc
I keep your winter beasts in the pink –
yellow rattle, yellow rattle, tink, tink, tink.

Maggie Norton