

GARDEN ANGELS

When we stop the car
outside Nana's house,
it's quiet in her garden –
a tūi hops
from branch to branch,
a cat sleeps in the long grass.
But then, while
Mum and Nana drink tea,
we set to work.

Uncle Kevin rakes the leaves,
Aunty Ana trims the bushes
growing down the wall,
Aunty Glenda gathers branches
broken by a storm,
Cousin Tom mows the lawns while
I turn on the hose
and spray the ferns.
In the mist, I see a rainbow.

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