

## **STONY PLACE (The Burren)**

**Grey mud  
over which someone has ridden  
a heavy bicycle**

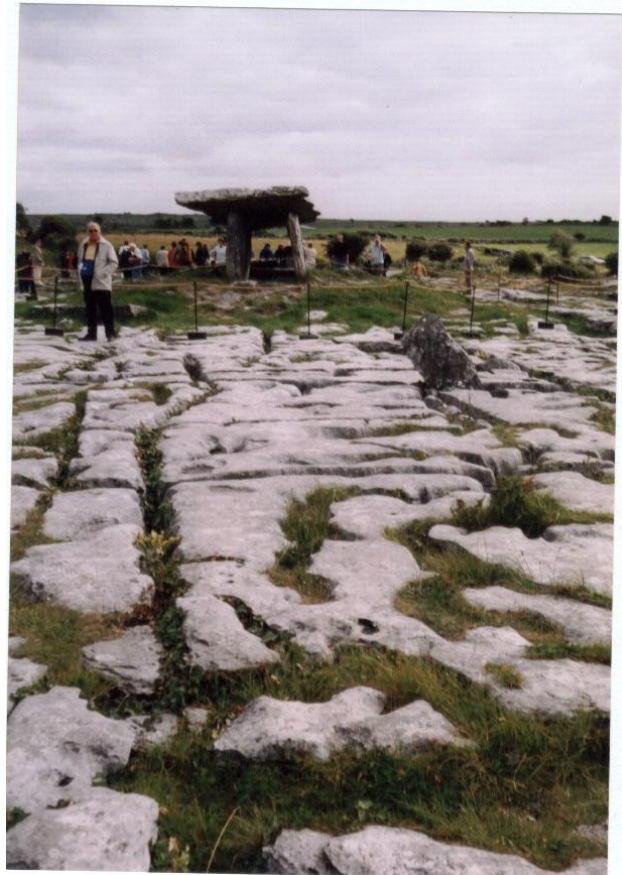
**mud frozen into lava  
a huge rotting hippo or rhinoceros  
of a place  
the ribs showing through the carcass  
flowers from the Arctic  
and from the Mediterranean**

**like honey in the lion's entrails  
on the Golden Syrup tin  
both being visited by bees  
It is a graveyard of history  
with floweres  
ancient bodies buried here**

**tombs of stone  
celtic crosses nearby  
inscribed by gaelic lorraine**

**daytime and the place  
may be lit by weak sunshine  
and camera flash**

**dusk and the sun dies  
with its blood light  
soaking into the limestone**



**Geoff Stevens**