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KWABENYA

To live at Kwabenya
And be without a European donkey
Is really to return to grass roots,
To be one with the grasshopper,
To be one with the rabbit,
To be one with the praying mantis,

The frog, the hare and the grasscutter.

And in that context,
Mobility is equal to

Your destination (as the crow flies)
Divided by the possibility of the availability of a lift,
Multiplied by the current position of the sun,

Multiplied by the philosophy of the tortoise,
Divided by the territorial geometrics of the snail,

Plus the “*to be or not to be*”
Protocol politics of the chameleon.