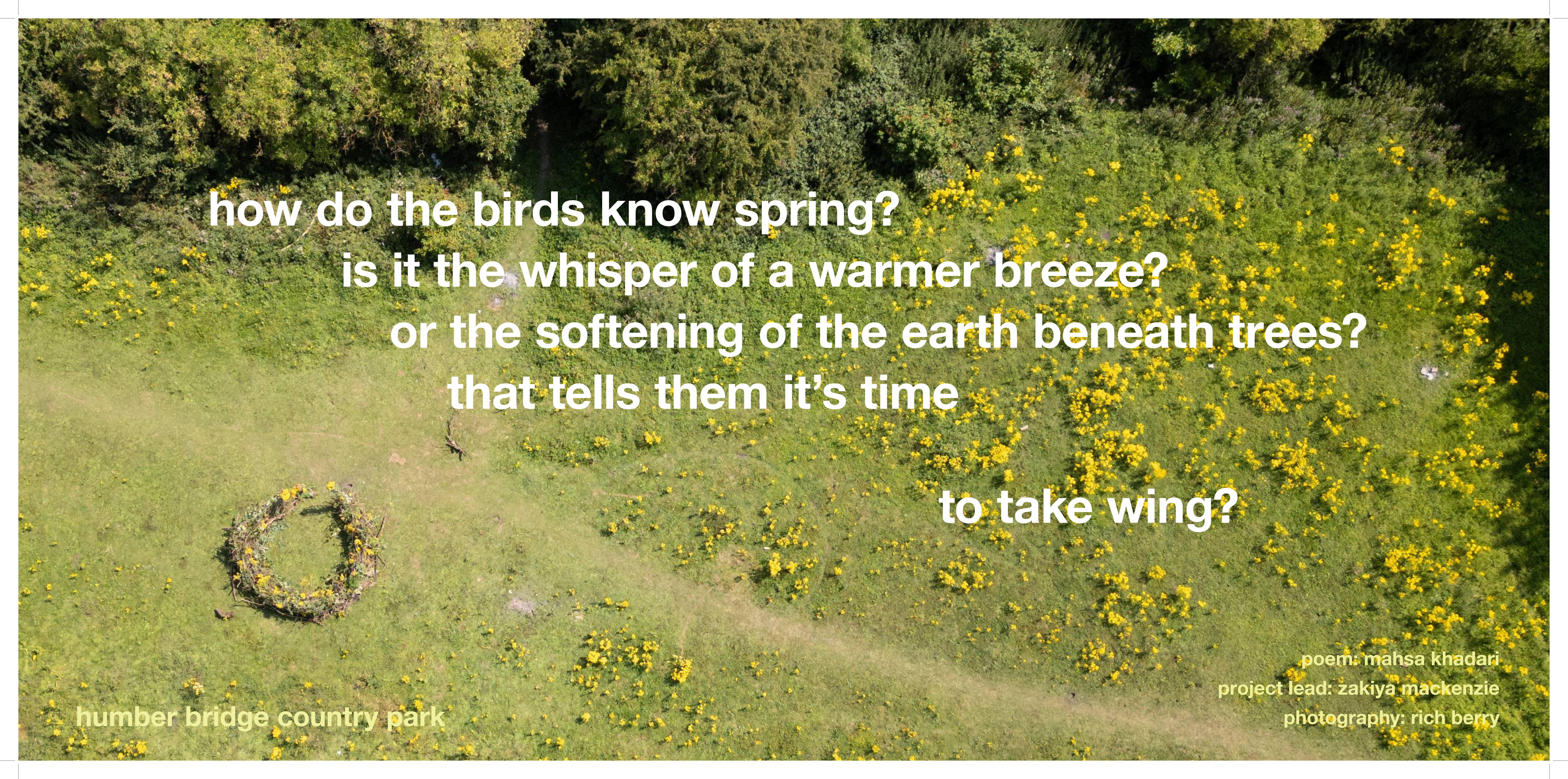
An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape, likely a nature reserve. The terrain is covered in dense, vibrant green vegetation, including bushes and tall grasses. Several narrow, winding dirt paths or tracks are visible, crisscrossing the area. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, and the overall scene is one of natural beauty and tranquility.

how do the birds know spring?
green colours all around
branches, bushes, long grass
everything growing
the smell of nature everywhere
ponds full of ducks and geese
so many birds you can hear
singing, calling, their sound
all around

one can wonder for a long time
how birds know when the spring arrives
an instinct, an internal clock
signals to these flying creatures
start migrating
or perhaps
the stars
give them their sense
of direction

noddle hill nature reserve / bransholme

poem: anna banforth
poem: barbara (translated from polish)
project lead: zakiya mackenzie
photography: rich berry

An aerial photograph of a lush green field filled with numerous small yellow flowers. In the lower-left quadrant, a circular wreath made of twigs and yellow flowers lies on the grass. The background shows a dense line of trees. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

how do the birds know spring?
is it the whisper of a warmer breeze?
or the softening of the earth beneath trees?
that tells them it's time
to take wing?

humber bridge country park

poem: mahsa khadari
project lead: zakiya mackenzie
photography: rich berry

An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape. A small, dark pond is visible in the lower right quadrant, surrounded by dense vegetation. A dirt path winds through the grass on the right side. The overall scene is vibrant and natural.

how do the birds know spring?

i am a little bird

i am looking for sunshine

i am a little bird

i am looking for green grass & blue sky

something there beckons me

oh, that's the sunshine

oh, that's my home

noddle hill nature reserve / bransholme

poem: dan wang
project lead: zakiya mackenzie
photography: rich berry