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on hermitage stone
a pause in meditation—
damselfly

H.F. Noyes
FROM THE EDITOR

As the worst of the heat waves abate and pumpkins begin to appear in the supermarkets, we present the first of the enlarged issues that will appear three times a year. The increased number of pages allows that amenity that many of you have asked for: perfect binding.

Among the contents of this issue is a review of many of the better internet sites that feature haiku, which also contains a warning about the many "real stinkers" among such sites. The problem with such uncontrolled expansion of the Misinformation Highway is that many people who have little understanding of haiku get completely the wrong impression of what haiku really are. Thus, The Wall Street Journal recently published an article, "Poetic License on the Internet," subtitled "Odes to Spam Renew/Literary Zest On-Line/Haiku Craze Is Back," by a staff reporter, Jeff Zeleny, who tells us that "masters of the computer are redefining haiku," and cites as a model of the new haiku: "Spam volcano blows/Stratosphere laden with pork/Gorgeous pink sunsets." This outdoes anything in Monty Python's favorite lunchroom! The article was copied in a number of other newspapers, and acquaintances have sent me clippings; I could sense the smirks with which the letters were sealed.

Five years ago, Harper's Magazine published a set of what they labeled as haiku by David Trinidad, which were included in "The Best American Poetry 1991," edited by Mark Strand, then the Poet Laureate of the US. The verses were about kiddie TV programs of the '60s, and began with "Like a rock, Elly/May's cake sank to the bottom/of the 'ceement' pond." I wrote a letter to Harper's, trying to tell them what haiku are. I said that their examples "are not haiku, never would have been haiku, never (please God) will be haiku." I sent a copy to Strand. Neither Harper's nor the Poet Laureate ever replied.

Rest easy, comrades; I have rejected haiku a hundred times better than these, and we still have an 84-page issue this trimester. The haiku craze isn't back (it never left), but crazy haiku seem to be. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Robert Malinowski has given us his impression of the element fire, appropriate for the summer season, for our (perfectbound!) cover.
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Ronan

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*Wally Swist*

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to another

*Doris H. Thurston*

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brief glint of silver

*Emily Romano*
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  Charles Rea

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  R.A. Stefanac

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  Patricia Neubauer

its whiteness
  deepened to maroon
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  Suzanne Williams

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  Jocelyn A. Conway

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  Makiko

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Kam Holifield

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across a contrail

*Paul M*

a village path
three butterflies flying
into silence

*Mile Stamenkovic*

... and then
in the early silence—
buzzing fly

*Randy W. Pait*

The TV screen
X-rays its wings:
the fly.

*Ross LaHaye*

under book light
fly wing shadows
huge on the page

*Linda Fuller-Smith*
makri ke jaal mein
os ki bundein
subah ka pehla shikaar

drop of dew
on a spider's web
day's first catch

(Hindi original and English translation by Parikshith Singh)

spider
spinning in a field
of Queen Anne's lace

Merrill Ann Gonzales

so fine a web
creek willows
I did not see it
a yellow fishing fly
nor did the fly
in the spider's orb

Elsie O. Kolashinski

the spider dead
Elizabeth Howard
er whole life trapped
in her web

Robert Gibson

fireflies in heat
flashing signals with
come-hither lights

Flori Ignoffo

colorless dusk:
glimpses of fireflies
rising against rain

Alison Poe

Starless summer night
No sound of rain on hot stones
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M.J. Iuppa

just the deer and I
last night
and the gathering
first night without fireflies—
fireflies
you too have moved away

Doris Lynch
filling my car
three friends
and a fly

Connie R. Meester

by skylight
carpenter ant crosses
the afternoon moon

Suzanne Williams

waiting
for the moon's eclipse to end
first crickets

(April 3, 1996)

Ayrs Kirkofield

a loud car passes
and now I hear them better—
cricket songs

Francis J. Caporale

how disconcerting—
that cricket & my heartbeat
a fraction out of sync

Elizabeth Searle Lamb

no one home
a lizard scampers
from the potted fern

Matthew Louvière

on a magnolia branch
scurrying lizard
becomes a twig

Madelyn Eastlund

moonlit marsh—
bullfrogs bellowing
the ancient song

Timothy Russell
ocean beach fog
bareback riders race through
the breaking surf

Mary Fran Meer

a wave
in the making, come
let's catch it!

Robert Henry Poulin

ocean wind
wave lapping wave
in the wild grass

Laurie W. Stoelting

Footprints
in tidal sands
disappearing fast

Victor Bloom

Launching a kite—
everybody watches it
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J. Clontz

Distant sail tacking
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Mike Dillon

sea gull reflected
in a shallow pool
standing on his own two feet

Dorothy McLaughlin

evening beach—
retreating my lawn chair
before the tide

Paul Watsky

beach sunset
rim of bright breast above
the bikini bra

Jim Kacian

moonlit beach—
alone
on a driftwood log

Winona Baker
at lake’s edge
a large rock parts each wave
differently

Suzanne Williams

hollering for
my son—the lake
hollering back

William M. Ramsey

revisiting the park
my sad eyes
in the pond

Lynn Theobald

placid pond . . .
tossing pebbles
into clouds

Lloyd Gold

Gracefully flowing,
bending with every current,
pond scum.

Sandy Sariti

ripple—
again the mountaintop
drifts away

Ruih Yarrow

balancing on the ridge
my shadow
depth into the valley

Laurie W. Stoelting

alpen-glow
cauldron of the dead volcano
afire once more

Brad Wolthers

Summer solstice
lingering on this hilltop
in the last light

D. Claire Gallagher
above the tree line
birdsong
breaks the silence

*Peggy Heinrich*

staggering downhill
among the rocks—
my new bifocals

*Paul Watsky*

a mountain falls:
clear ribbons of the stream
plunging over the stones

*Wally Swist*

in the eddy
a small green leaf
the others move on

*michelle albert*

ever restless
the moon
in the river

*Cyril Childs*

in every ripple
of the shaded river
a half moon

*Laurie W. Stoelting*

High in the northeast
sunset’s full moon soon curtained
by overnight clouds

*Kam Holifield*

in the glow
after the moon passes
from the cloud

*Connie R. Meester*

moon on the water
a fish jumps
taking it

*James Tipton*
bandbox lady
doing a fast two-step
to beat of raindrops

*Edith Mize Lewis*

down
the
fire
escape
a
rusty
raindrop

*Carlos Colón*

spring shower—
huddling together,
café chairs

*Charles P. Trumbull*

summer shower . . .
trees cast dry shadows
on wet pavements

*Richmond Dean Williams*

thunder clouds
almost as dark
as the asphalt beneath

*Sundance*

clouds escape over the mountains leaving me the thunder

*Pamela A. Babusci*

lightning
a sudden laugh
in her eyes

*Jim Kacian*

after the shower
the smell of ground rising
toward the clouds

*Robert Bebek*

setting sun
sliced between cloud bank
and tree line

*Cheryl C. Manning*

dusk . . .
the calls
begin

*Donald B. Hendrick*
where shall we go?
the wind
has taken the map

Michael Dylan Welch

a voiceless bird
the narrow streets dividing
sunshine and the winds

Mile Stamenković

wind chimes'
new allegro movement
on yesterday’s theme

Ronan

Summer breeze:
this dappled path
in constant flux

Tom Tico

In the sudden wind
losing tickets are off
racing the horses

Nelle Fertig

a sound of waves—
the summer wind plays them
in the high tree tops

Wally Swist

summer wind—
the aspens beside
themselves

Donald B. Hendrich

deep timber
the storm wind
unhinging shadows

A. Araghatti

lull in the storm—
the birch tree
straightens

Robert Kusch
tree shadow
by tree shadow
down the street

*Bruce Ross*

The apple tree
holds itself
in its own embrace.

*Linda Claire Yuhas*

only the shape of the water birch
in the bittersweet’s
stranglehold

*Judson Evans*

the tree bark
gently
enfolds barbed wire

*Lee R. Seidenberg*

with barbed wire
deep in their guts—the old trees
at the pasture’s edge

*Larry Kimmel*

**CRIME SCENE/DO NOT CROSS**
well inside the tape
that flaming maple!

*Louise Somers Winder*

in the sawmill yard
for a moment seeing
all the stumps

*Robert Kusch*

civil war cannon
lost under blankets
of alabama kudzu

*Ryan G. Van Cleave*

in the hollow
of the rotten tree stump
a wild vine takes root

*Cathy Drinkwater Better*

Ferns turning yellow
lighting up the forest
where no sun shines

*Jim Thielen*
stillness at dawn
surprised by the whirring wings
of a rising dove

_Eileen I. Jones_

Edge fencing
circles a garden
never planted

_Debra Kehrberg_

old woman
folded double
pulling weeds

_Linda Claire Yuhas_

in the compost pile
an onion
coming back to life

_Robert Gilliland_

brothers
harvesting the cornfield
monk and mouse

_Mary Fran Meer_

field of corn
trembling
as rain begins

_Robert L. Brimm_

airfield closed—
down a windswept runway
tumbleweed

_Ellen Compton_

dusk
leaving behind a slice
of mandarin sun

_Dawn E. Powell_

at sundown
how far the little pebbles
cast their shadows

_Elsie O. Kolashinski_
first
rain
drop
cat
opens
one
eye

in and out
of summer rain
a ginger cat

Philip Miller

scaling the piano our cat plays on

Connie R. Meester

even though
he doesn’t know the way
my dog insists on leading

alone in the house
my dog at the window

Michael Steffen

Turbulent waters—
the lone pup rides a broken raft
wagging his tail.

Diane E. Baumer

empty collar
on the table
—taking his memory
for a walk

Dianne Borsenik

gentle breeze
covering her old dog’s grave
with plum blossoms

Louise Somers Winder

Twilight’s last gleam—
the back entrance
of the animal hospital

Ellen Florman

cat-leap—
the firefly
extinguished

Kevin Hull
up early,
the woodpecker turning my house
into his

_Frank Higgins_

soft clay
the sparrow’s tracks
sketch a sparrow

_Michael Fessler_

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a sparrow picks bugs
off parked cars

_Robert Gibson_

Logging road—
the pileated woodpecker
flings its cry ahead

_Carol Purington_

walking the bounds
where the bobwhite called
clearcut

_Ellen Compton_

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soaring on the updrafts
from the Interstate

_Charles P. Trumbull_

calm waters
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downstream

_Ruth Holter_

Nearly featherless
the old ostrich
struts.

_Peggy Garrison_

heat wave coming
the nasty snarl
of mating cats

_Merrill Ann Gonzales_

summer heat
the broodmare’s
sagging back

_R.A. Stefanac_
dark houses
silent streets
the small orange glow of doorbells

Lee R. Seidenberg

light for so long
now it is the dark of night
that wakes me

Leatrice Lifshitz

summer night
even my dreams
are reruns

Gene Doty

clear candleholder
its midnight emptiness
the shape of moonlight

Richard Thompson

at 3am silent petrol pumps

ernest j berry

4 am
a few voices
prop up the night.

Peggy Garrison

4:30 a.m.
the hounddogs sleeping at last
but the rooster

Elizabeth Howard

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the crew paves a new road
across my dream

Hayat Abuza

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filled with sunbeams
overflows the windowsill

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_A. Aragetti_

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swish ing

_Dorothy Howard_

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waiting

_Flori Ignoffo_

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_Lyn Reeves_

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through each other

_A. Aragetti_

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glimmers.

_Marijan Čekolj_

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the incense cone
its warmth

_Susan Stanford_

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burns
to death

_Tony Konrardy_
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I turn to watch
My partner sleep

_D.L. Bachelor_

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we had no idea how long
our walk would take

_Randy M. Brooks_

at the red light
proposing to the woman
in the rear-view mirror

_on the answering machine_

I met at the Botanic Gardens

_James Tipton_

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in my shirt pocket:
hours until morning

_Randy W. Pait_

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and candle flames
but she had to go

_Donna E. Dodson_

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the moon in the window
of the cheap motel

_Michael Dylan Welch_

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the glass wedged in his shoe
clicking and clicking

_Myotis Brown_

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carved on the dead tree
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_ernest j berry_

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on his lips

_Paul M_
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*Pamela A. Babusci*

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I fold the laundry
a third time

*John Sheirer*

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saying she is no longer
mad at me

*Jerry A. Judge*

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*John S. O'Connor*

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*Tom Hoyt*

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*Yu Chang*

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H. Nelson Fitton

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Gloria H. Procsal

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Mike Dillon

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the traffic slows behind
the coffin-bearing truck

Tim Happel

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Melissa Leaf Nelson

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on his side of the bed

Stuart Quine
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a flying grackle dissolves
into light

_Eileen I. Jones_

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I lay poppies
at grandmother’s grave

_Amy Fabricius_

watering grave flowers
with an old coffee can
whispering his name

_Ken Harrell_

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the cow pond
choked with weeds

_Susan Stanford_

An ancient gravestone.
Kneeling to clean out the moss
that obscures their names

_Robert Major_

Seeking ancestors
I find our names buried
beneath heavy moss

_Sarah Hickenbotham_

one year later
the family name       glistening
in sun-hot marble

_Florence McGinn_

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_Keiko Imaoka_

just before her arrival
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across the train tracks

_Kenneth Tanemura_
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Lael Johnson

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creeping into the nursery
watching my son sleep

Penel Ketchek

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Dorothy McLaughlin

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toddler’s finger

Emily Romano

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Michael Dylan Welch

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—the nameless children all
strangely familiar

Carol Purington

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small fingers edged with
bright polish

Peggy Olafson

We play hide-and-seek
on a long summer’s evening
. . . called home one by one

Robert Major

darkening sky
wondering where
my children have gone

Kay F. Anderson

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tells me
she’s asleep

Ellen Brimeyer
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touches her

Jerry A Judge

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Michael Dylan Welch

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Francine Porad

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Mark Arvid White

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before the next round—
carousel horses

Tom Tico

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in the shallows,
minnows

Robert Jenkins

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the clink of dinner forks
deafening

Dawn E. Powell

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conversation wilts

Stephen Radcliffe Schieck

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from half-open windows

Kenneth Tanemura
Afternoon nap—
the bells of San Lorenzo
strike the heat

_D. Claire Gallagher_

Golden Gate in fog
from the postcard shop
a clear picture

_Robert Epstein_

oakland burning
my rice pan
boiling over

_Hasa_

coffee and beignets
powdered sugar
on your smile

_Keiko Imaoka_

absorbed by the lochs . . .
sound of pipes

_ernest j berry_

summer downpour—
the bronze boy in the park
keeps on peeing

_Charles P. Trumbull_

steam rises
in an open field—
first monsoon
gentle rain . . .
moonlight on every
umbrella

_Kim Dorman_

toothless wahine
smile lines
swallow her moko

_ernest j berry_

wahine, Polynesian woman.
moko, traditional Maori face tattoo, on the lower lip in women.
first
umeboshi—
the
pucker
spreading
to
my
toes

*S.B. Friedman*

*umeboshi, pickled plum*

In the Ponto-cho,
she passes circumspectly . . .
a modest geisha.

(Kyoto)

*Robert Major*

old warrior’s house—
at the bolt of the wooden door
a snail’s asleep

*raccoon night*
drunken father singing
the same old war song

*Yasuko Yasui*

Yoko Ogino

The “raccoon” here is the raccoon dog (*tanuki*), an East Asian wild dog that has a masked face remarkably like that of the North American raccoon, but a fatter body and a shorter, nonringed tail. It is said to beat on its belly when it hears music, producing *tanuki bayashi*—ghostly drumming.

*Christopher Suarez*

happy hour
smoke curling
into smoke

*ernest j berry*
An inch beyond
the horse’s reach—
roadside poppies

The old pond:
a waterbug
disturbs the universe

Dave Sutter

stones in the sunlit meadow . . .
pierced by the shrill drone
of cicadas

Wally Swist

Overgrown old pool—
I remember the voice
of the frog who lived there.

Tom Williams

prairie pond . . .
the swish of the reed
as the red-wing lifts

Elizabeth St Jacques

The sounds of popping
lilies unbudding on a
dying lake in bloom

Sandra Gordon Hersh

old pueblo
cyotes crossing
the street

Keiko Imaoka

Each time I glance
from the haiku page—
a new cloud formation

Tom Tico

shafts gleam through
the fraying clouds

Lloyd Gold

missing the turnoff—
across the plains the shadows
chasing sunlight

Melissa Leaf Nelson
blackberry picking—
the first breath of morning
in the cottonwood tops

Lee Gurga

one perfect shell
among bits of broken trash
littered on the sand

Sheila Hyland

armadillo
by the side of the road
small arms folded

Celia Stuart-Powles

Sand swept away—
White seashell
on the table.

Jean E. Leyman

the sea-edge moon
a small version of the one
we have in Texas

Jim Kacian

some of the sun
glinting off the sea
is dolphins

Raffael de Gruttola

driftwood
the sailboat skipper
tacks windward

so dark
all the minor stars
confuse the constellations

Paul O. Williams

first star
silence
after reciting the rhyme

Christopher Herold

again no stars
how can a wish
be made

Rita Z. Mazur
deaf signers on tour,
so much talk, only the sound of their laughter

in the mirror
the blind man's face
stares back at him

Joseph DeLuise

Doing string tricks
as the children gather—
the old molester.

John Laugenour

emergency room
an unseen phone
rings and rings

Anthony J. Pupello

my wife's breasts—
the surgeon
gauges my reaction

Cyril Childs

expert deposition—
folding and unfolding
his surgeon's hands

Barry George

tough algebra problem:
eraser rubbings
scattered on the floor

Keri Leigh Heitkamp

Reading in bed—
my pinky
the first asleep.

Patrick Sweeney

moonlit night . . .
stepping on
the rose's shadow

Kenneth Tanemura

32
on her knees
  in a field of bluebells,
    the agnostic

  Geraldine C. Little

Eucharist
  she leaves her gloves on

  Heather Buss

noon breeze
  the old nun’s expression
  unchanged

  Christopher Suarez

  crickets
  between
  her prayers

  Valorie Broadhurst Woerdhoff

no rain
twilight stretches
the shaman’s prayer-stick

  Anthony J. Pupello

cricket
  between
  her prayers

the shaman’s prayer-stick

  Anthony J. Pupello

their plantation house
refurbished;
porch rockers vacant

  William M. Ramsey

home from the navy
my room
still the same

  Devin Lindsey

so much depends
  on a photographed smile
so long departed

  Robert Henry Poulin

The neighbor across
turns off his TV first,
then his living room

  André Lefevere
July 4th
through barbecue smoke
the salmon's bright eye

after
the
parade
toy
flags
in
the
garbage
can

Marian Olson

fireworks
the whiteness
of men's throats

Makiko

Simon Ott

fish and chips
last night's news
seen through

Jim Kacian

lunch hour walk
scent of honeysuckle evolving
into burgers and fries

Cathy Drinkwater Better

out of the freezer
a roasting-bird—
goosebumps

Susan Stanford

in the meat
of the papaya
Gauguin's orange

Frederick Gasser

soup kitchen
the hollow ring
of an empty ladle

Anthony J. Pupello

sticky hot—
adjusting the fan
to include the windchimes

Ronan
bleak desert
on my car radio
white noise

*Elizabeth Nichols*

summer heat puddles the road with shiny illusion

*Richmond Dean Williams*

clear desert night
vertigo watching the stars
move the sky

*Ronan*

Summer’s end—
I spend today at the beach
the woods tomorrow

*Kam Holifield*

summer sloughs—
cicadas begin to trill
in willows

*Jianqing Zheng*

still whole
beneath this wasting leafpile
cicada shell

*Eileen I. Jones*

grinding, grinding,
one cricket
keeps fall going

*Ayrs Kirkofield*

running this road
i see no one
autumn dusk

*Jerry Gill*

The harvest moon—
Between clumps of crabgrass
A rotting plum

*Edward Zuk*
beneath a blownout tire
a blue spiderwort—
last day of summer

\textit{Nina A. Wicker}

ripe persimmons
two less for the birds
summer’s end

\textit{Flori Ignoffo}

barren twigs
over a hum of bees—
fallen persimmons

\textit{Lori Laliberte-Carey}

old men
picking the last berries
in an autumn meadow

\textit{Judith Liniado}

autumn sun
in the vineyard, all the leaves
the colors of wine

\textit{Christopher Herold}

September heat—
gathering seeds
from the cosmos

\textit{Emily Romano}

first autumn rain
dandelions everywhere
again!

\textit{Jean Campbell Simmonds}

all the flowers
\textit{under} the fragrant olive
rains of autumn

\textit{Michael Fessler}

oak branch shadow
framed in the stairwell . . .
autumn moon

\textit{Jimmy Dunlap}
helped on my way
this sky in constant motion—
autumn foothills

H.F. Noyes

distant surf . . .
a spider web billows
the autumn light

Ebba Story

House sitting—
the lily I thought was silk
turns brown

D. Claire Gallagher

along
with yellow leaves
one more rose

Alexius J. Burgess

in the garage
a vine hangs limp in a rake—
cold autumn rain

Robert Jenkins

A mud-crusted
milkweed pod
glistens with sunlight

Debra Kehrberg

over dark sagebrush plains
a brief radiance
autumn sunset

Anita Sadler Weiss

Clouds rumbling
over an alpine pond—
one last cast

Walt McLaughlin

autumn moon—
not a ripple in the lake
until we cast

Leatrice Lifshitz
The haiku on this page are from the Creative Writing class at the Isidore Newman School in New Orleans. Others were printed in the previous issue, including one that was misattributed, and is printed again here.

As my teacher's words flutter
in the background
I listen to the leaves

Geoff Flaum

Rain drops
from the crack in the ceiling . . .
getting out the pot

Katie Lind

He arrives home
late as always . . .
I hear them fight

Mia Romanik

Christmas morning
in mountains far from home . . .
a chill in my family

Kathryn Elkins

At my dead uncle's gravestone
I realize I can't remember
his face

Colette Iteld

My aged grandfather
races past me
in his Cadillac

Brent Palmer

Driver flips me the finger.
Small bumper sticker reads:
Mean People Suck

Lisa Pretus
antique photograph—
four generations
squint into the sun

Robert Jenkins

my crush
nothing like
mother

Patrick Donovan

grandma arrives
a car pileup
following her

Sarah Holtorf

classic car show—
an owner’s chamois worries
invisible dust

Jack Lent

funeral procession—
lights winking out, the last car
turns into McDonald’s

her dimples deepen
as she confesses to
denting the fender

John Stevenson

tribal powwow
the drumhead made fast
with duct tape

Yvonne Hardenbrook

Old beach umbrella
Rain wets
her new bathing suit

Carol Purington

candle in the bedroom
hiding
his imperfections

Amy Fabricius

wrapping my legs
around your waist—
the door bell

Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff
In Praise of Light
From a Nursing Home Window

dawn
patches of darkness fade away
leaving the black trees . . .

THEN WITH THE SUN . . . COLOR

returning the pink
to umbered oleanders
morning sun

upward reaching
tendrils of cat's claw vine
the first to turn green

vertical blinds
sun stripes the yellow
of potted chrysanthemums

a fleeting rainbow
bounces off the chrome
of sterile instruments

deepening shadows
faded Reds of sunset
stain the stucco wall . . .

AND DISAPPEAR

twilight
colors gray and dissolve
swallowed by the long night

Lesley Einer
Babine Village

For twenty-two years I spent my summers with the Babine Carrier Indians on Babine Lake in northern British Columbia. My work, as an anthropologist and linguist, was sponsored by the Peabody Anthropological Museum of Harvard University. These haiku cover one early autumn day at the village, a last day before my returning home.

loon’s cry
out of the mist awakens
babine lake

a blind indian
and the village blackbirds
face east waiting

sunrise
thirty pound salmon roll
in babine river

salmon run
the eagle’s swoop from
fir to river

old log church
on babine’s shore only
swallows attend

autumn evening
wolf howls from the ridge
above the village

close to the fire
this starlit night
no beginning no end

robert gibson
Lake Superior Fisherman

still dawn . . .
a lake trout flips
out of a crate

filleting trout . . .
he flicks a tidbit
to his dog

pulling in gill nets—
the fisherman's
patient hands

the whir
of his ice-maker—
jury-rigged again

such green cold!
a boulder rolls
off a net

a salmon
on a bed of ice . . .
its gaping mouth

picking trout—
he talks
of better days

all at once
out of the de-scaler
a rush of herring

the rising sun
warming the herring
still in the nets

plumper than the rest—
the herring gulls around
the fisherman's hut

boarded shut—
his father's fishhouse
next to his own

tourists gone . . .
he's still open
for business

Jeanne Emrich

Hangin' Tree

hangin' tree
restless shadows disappear
in noon-hour sunlight

ancient oak
its lower limbs scarred
by rope burns

black oak tree
years since the last hangin'
ravens gather still

Brad Wolthers
Contemplations: Summer

"The entire cosmos is a song, a choral chant, a festive song and a marriage feast."

Ernesto Cardenal

midsummer morning—
through hazy humidity
someone singing scales

picking corn
each kernel
luminous

the sycamore tree
flooded with sparrowtalk
and sunchant

the whole field
of Queen Anne's lace sways
to windsong

weeds by the stream—
beneath two dragonflies
a maze of colors

once more
marrying night to light
fireflies

a billion stars?
a trillion or two?
the holy humming

Geraldine C. Little
Tick by Tick

biopsy—
tick by tick the clock’s
red second hand

pale sky
cut by a crow’s fast wing beats—
a lab tech draws blood

five IV stations
one TV:
General Hospital

a chemo patient
updates her nurse: the whole plot
love life by love life

discharged!
on the IV pole a glimmer
of sunlight

breaking open
my fortune cookie . . .
no white slip

Carol Conti-Entin
denying Apollo
saving herself, losing herself
Daphne becomes a laurel
telling her shrink
how she has learned
to harden her heart

Cronus devouring
the children destined
to overthrow him
the old man
still ridiculing
his grown son

Prometheus
stealing the gods' fire for man—
Zeus' anger
mushroom cloud—
in possession of hot goods
we live in fear

drinking Perrier
not wanting to feel
my primordial nature

maenads
frolicking in the forest
eating the wild goat raw

mushroom cloud—
in possession of hot goods
we live in fear

drinking Perrier
not wanting to feel
my primordial nature

lame Hephaestus
working at his forge
alone in the gloom

all the girls
trying to catch the eye
of the quarterback

Zeus
master over everything
but himself

another great
evangelical career ends
in a hooker's arms

Michael Ketchek
ENTERING THE LIGHT

A Zenga* by Margaret Chula and Christopher Herold

What is the shape of a turnip root when it enters the light?

the pond
instantly filling all the holes
poked by raindrops

Mockingbird—
At what time does it sleep?

In the silence between seasons, the woodbine bursts into fragrance

Are we picking the flower or is it picking us?

over and over
the dog fetches moonlight
on a slobber stick

rising through mud, the white lotus

When you grow up what am I going to be?

girl rotates her hips
the hula hoop completes a hundred circles

Who has seen the shadow Of a shadow?

blinded by cameras
the defendant's attorneys in the limelight

Where do they come from? Where do they go? Stripes on the barber pole.

fire licks the pages of love poems turning to ashes
shimmer of air

the spin of the planet under northern lights.
*Zenga: This poetic form is reminiscent of a Mondo, a question and answer exercise between a Zen master and student. In our exchange, however, there are two obvious variations. First, there is no differentiation between teacher and student (we tried to maintain the spirit of beginner’s mind). And second, our dialogue was written rather than face-to-face, thereby losing some spontaneity. Nevertheless, Chris and I enjoyed answering each other’s questions and posing new ones, as in renga links. When I told Alice Benedict what we were doing, she laughed and said, “Oh, a Zenga!” So Zenga it is.

Margaret Chula

Chaparral

Rengay by Helen K. Davie and John Thompson

steep uphill climb—
watching turkey vultures rise
in the thermals

twisted manzanita
so smooth to the touch

August noon . . .
across the layered sandstone
a lizard’s flash

fossil hunters
chip away at the mountain—
spider motes drift by

a rabbit’s bleached jawbone
caught in the ceanothus

seed pods rattle
down the narrowing path
a coyote vanishes

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Night Clouds

Rengay by Yvonne Hardenbrook and Tom Clausen

night clouds
releasing the Thunder Moon
windchimes

unable to sleep
way off, the freight

from the porch
voices of grownups
rise and fall

fireflies
dance in the meadow
a child dreaming

no crickets for a moment
the squeak of a rocking chair

midnight stillness
now and then around the pond
a few frogs

lightning's boom
the children comfort
the babysitter

Francine Porad
Lahaina sunrise
aerial roots of the banyan
sweep my shoulder

After chemotherapy
she combs what's left of her hair

the white nub
of a sprouting pear seed:
my window-framed sky

Tomato seedlings
into his grandson's garden—
tamping the soil

the aroma of ginseng
steeping in an earthen pot

Toppled ponderosa—
roots suspending granite
in mid-air

yard sale
the kewpie doll
I never won

ripe tomatoes
the pantry window
holding the sunset

R.A. Stefanac
Face of Wind
Rengay by Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff and Connie Meester

after she'd gone
making her bed
the sheets still warm

in her mask collection
the face of wind missing

drawing on the sidewalk
... a chalk the color of her eyes
when she was born

father meeting fiancé
the hummingbird flies
at his own reflection

trying on wedding dresses
... the cry of the mourning dove

breathless
seeing her face
through the nursery window

(for our daughters)

ice cream cone
falling
the child's face too

sundance
Autumn Rain

Rengay by Cherie Hunter Day and Ce Rosenow

storm clouds
darken a barren field
flock of crows

another lightning flash
the silence before thunder

first raindrops
soak the sidewalk—
a summer's worth of leaves

sudden downpour . . .
the spider's web tears
in the wind

on a leafless paper birch
lichens slowly uncurl

sunbreak—
vermilion leaf clings
to the clothesline

piled
each raindrop
floods

Robert Henry Poulin
HAIBUN

Serpent in Summer

Away from the macadam parking lot, I follow the park’s serpentine trail. It is much cooler here, among the wild grapevines and bittersweet, tangling together in semi-shade.

movement catches my eye
—from its huckleberry hideout,
snake eyes glitter . . .

The snake’s skin is blue-black, blending well with berries and shade. Had it not moved, I surely wouldn’t have seen it.

I soft-step past, keeping to the far edge of the trail. I find myself listening for its supple slither on the forest floor.

not a breath of wind;
butterflies drink
from a stump’s well . . .

Emily Romano

Bigger than the Moon

Leaning way back in lawn chairs. Binoculars drinking summer starlight. Hunting the galaxy Triangulum.
“Start at Beta. Go a fieldwidth southeast.”
“Nothing. You’re sure it’s the right spot?”
“Let your eyes adapt.”
“These things are powerful enough?”
“Sure. It’s a huge galaxy.”
“Aren’t they all?”
“I mean it looks big from here. It fills more sky than the moon”
“No.”
“Keep looking.”

faint Triangulum
whisperglow bathes retina
suddenly it’s there

David Nelson Blair
The Walden Spirit

I walk the winding path to the small shanty I built among the evergreens surrounding my pond. I have decided to camp there and to spend this one night deliberately with nature.

mixed with mine
on a pencil
mouse toothmarks

Darkness closes. I light a candle. The simplicity which surrounds me reminds me of my youth; my mind wanders . . . . I awake from that dimension when my eyes focus upon my aged face glowing in the window.

staring into
my darkened window
reflecting

I read Thoreau late into the night, and write a few words. In the breeze a hickory limb rubs the wall with the rhythm of sleep.

night wind rises
candles and eyelids
flutter

This day dawns. I must sojourn in civilized life once more. Yet I go with a renewed sense of the tiny pleasures, and of the intended simplicity, of life.

i leave
the door ajar—
wren

Phil Howerton

Finality

Hungry, death comes calling. A little knot of excitement in front of the bedroom door, then the gurney is off with its weakened load to the hospital for the final contest.

Red-tailed hawk
the cottontail hanging
limp in its claws

Lesley Einer

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Autumn Echoes

Thinking about the telephone repairman scheduled for one o'clock, I pin a note on the door. "Out back," it says, and I head for the lagoon with a sandwich and a Pepsi in hand. I don't want to miss another minute of this cloudless day. Indian summer sits on my deck. Cormorant wings whisper above. A crow calls from the cedar tree.

in erratic flight
a kingfisher to
the sailboat mast
smooth wet kingfisher head
shaken
jagged against the blue

Childhood adventures between two powerful rivers rise in mind, like smoke wisps from autumns past. I climb again the pale clay cliffs in Illinois. I hunt for buried flint arrowheads, fingernails aching, packed gray with digging. I explore a dusty trail through Chief Blackhawk's land, brambles catching at my clothes, sumac twice as high as I. I struggle to open the heavy state park museum door, feel the coolness within rushing out. Turning from a teepee, a buffalo skin, I step into tribal corn gardens maintained. Gone now.

One o'clock. At the top of the redwood plank stairs, a man waits. One thick black braid centers itself between broad shoulders, onyx eyes pooling something deep.

"You look like an Indian!" I blurt out. "You do!"

no further words . . .
a feeling of kneeling
a gull's scream

Rerouted to my call for service, this man says he has never worked my neighborhood before. He installs a new phone jack and I follow an urge to share autumn memories of life between the mighty Mississippi and the fast-flowing Rock River.

He responds with thoughts from his own noontime musings on the shoulder of a road. "I was thinking about God's wisdom, and his kindness to humans," he says . . .
“leaves shield us
from the sun in summer today
warmth through bare branches”

My spirit surges through the politely mannered distance, like a river undammed. “You came without a sound through my creaking gate. You came without a scrape down my rough walk. Patiently, you waited for me to turn from daydreaming.”

“Perhaps we were meant to meet,” he says, on a day of trails crossing.

business card proffered
“Tirzo Little Turtle
twenty-year technician”

“I’m an Apache,” he says, as he leaves.

Kay F. Anderson

The Changing Scene

When Mrs. M’s husband died, she still kept on with their family—of fifteen dogs. Each one was given its time of affection, and when the woman went into town, she always stopped at some food place to bring home a treat to share with her dogs.

Whether her days passed sunny or cloudy, she would still rotate her dogs in and out of the house, respecting their wishes as they did hers...

under the eaves
an old wooden rain barrel
filling drip by drip

Liz fenn
A Favorite Haiku

Sunset . . .
washing up on the beach
an empty can of paint

Elizabeth St Jacques

This haiku has long been a favorite—a momentary flash of poetic vision, a connecting to cosmos that is highly original. What an achievement in simplicity this haiku is! However spare her opening—“Sunset”—it serves well to give Nature her due place of precedence. And just a mention of the beach brings back the special peace we know in the ocean sundown. Human nature and Nature are brought together through that empty paint can, and what a warming thought that its color has somehow played a part in the glory of this sunset. Elizabeth’s haiku reminds me of Spiess’s “speculations.” “Haiku poets,” he says, “write from the heart and only tangentially and peripherally by the mind; for the light of the latter, like the moon, only exists because of the light of the heart, the sun.” How refreshing a haiku in which rationality has no place at all! Spiess quotes Hazrat Inayat Kahn: “Reason is the illusion of reality.”

H.F. Noyes

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A Favorite Haiku

Kasbah loft—
blind sculptress moving deeper
into the stone

H.F. Noyes

When I shared this haiku with a fellow haijin, he wasn’t sure he believed the poem. “A blind sculptor? Really?” My friend’s response would have astounded Beethoven. In more recent years, the handicapped have made great strides in eradicating the stigmatisms heaped upon them by a less-than-understanding society. Consider the accomplishments of Ray Charles, foot- and mouth-artists, Stephen Hawking, those in the Special Olympics and Friendship
Games, and others. Is it so difficult then to believe a blind person is capable of sculpting? Surely, the handicapped have taught us that when intense desire, continued determination, and an unshakable belief in oneself work in unison, the 'impossible' becomes possible. With that thought in mind, let's get on with H.F. Noyes' haiku.

High above the narrow, twisting streets of the Kasbah, the sculptor is oblivious to the bustle and chatter below—all that exists is her inner vision and the stone.

Are the woman's sensitive fingertips exploring the stone as she decides on a particularly deep cut or is she sitting quietly, feeling and trying to see the planned cut in her mind's eye? Or communicating with the stone, sharing her vision with it, for it? Perhaps she is in the process of physically probing deep into the stone. Many possibilities.

That this artist is blind speaks volumes for her strength and power. It seems symbolically appropriate that this sculptor works in a 'loft', as if to suggest she has risen well above her physical handicap. I also feel she is well aware of the stone's own spirit, strength, and power. Clearly a communion has been established: the sculptor and stone are one. So much in so few words. A celebration of love, strength, creativity, and beauty.

But there is another side to this haiku. Perhaps this sculptor has recently become blind and is devastated by her sudden handicap. Now she sits in a darkness that becomes darker by the moment. Robbed of her ability to create, she remembers how she shaped a favorite sculpted piece, again feeling the weight, balance, and motion of the instrument in her hand, hearing the voice of the stone as she chips at it. The more she thinks about it, the more convinced she is that she will never sculpt again and the deeper she sinks into depression.

Perhaps she is having doubts; she had devoted her life to stone sculpting but had she been fair to Nature? After all, she had altered each stone's originality, turned it into something other than its true self. Now, because blindness has changed her original state, she too has become like the sculpted stone: unchangeable, to be gazed upon by curious eyes. A sad and somber thought.

However this haiku is interpreted, it has a quality reminiscent of Bashō's 'the stillness—/soaking into stones/cicada's cry'. Like that memorable haiku, 'Kasbah loft' also lingers long in the memory.

Elizabeth St Jacques

headlights passing by—
shadows of trees
brush my bedroom window;
your wet hair
on my face

Alexey V. Andreyev

i changed my mind,
i don't love you . . .
washing the sheets
stained with
unfaithfulness

Pamela A. Babusci

a mountain road
at summer's end
I search
for the warmth of your embrace
before the autumn wind

Yu Chang

finding the poplar
I loved when growing up
now a rotting stump—
I sit down in the dirt
with its old above-ground roots

Blanche Nonnemann

pine stumps
litter the yard
now all
she need fall falling
is the sky

Zane Parks

On the blue columbine
you used to admire
a few leaves appear—
can we too let go
and start again?

Alexis K. Rotella

imagining
all the possibilities
for my garden
i learn
leaving it be

ubuge
"HAIKU CHICAGO" DELEGATES VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Kristen Deming

At the conclusion of the "Haiku Chicago" conference,¹ the Japanese delegation flew to Washington, D.C. for some prearranged events and sightseeing. The group was welcomed at a reception in their honor at the home of Ambassador Olcott Deming, Consul General in Okinawa in the 1950's. Ishihara-sensei presented the host with a scroll inscribed with one of his haiku:²³

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{rakkyo no} & \quad \text{the ripples} \\
\text{hana no sazanami} & \quad \text{of scallion flowers} \\
\text{sora ni tatsu} & \quad \text{tossing in the sky}
\end{align*}
\]

Yatsuka Ishihara (tr. T. Kondo)

The pumpkin centerpiece on the buffet table inspired delegate Tadashi Kondo to jot down a haiku for the host that reflected the warm, convivial atmosphere of the party:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{danran no} & \quad \text{pumpkin} \\
\text{naka ya mado kana} & \quad \text{perfectly round} \\
\text{panpukin} & \quad \text{amid laughter}
\end{align*}
\]

Tadashi Kondo (tr. Kondo)

The delegation enjoyed Mr. Deming's collection of Japanese art and his Japanese garden designed by landscape architect Osamu Shimizu.

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\begin{align*}
\text{Deming tei no} & \quad \text{in the Japanese garden} \\
\text{nihon teien} & \quad \text{of the Deming residence,} \\
\text{kaeribana} & \quad \text{a second flowering}
\end{align*}
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Norie Hayakawa (tr. Okada)

The next day, under a deep blue autumn sky, we walked around the Smithsonian museum complex, spending several hours at the National Gallery of Art, then continued to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum to see its collection of historic spacecraft and vintage planes.

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\begin{align*}
\text{Sumisonian ni} & \quad \text{a Zero fighter} \\
\text{Zero-sen tsurare} & \quad \text{hanging in the Smithsonian—} \\
\text{iru koharu} & \quad \text{Indian summer}
\end{align*}
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Itsuko Kaya (tr. Kaya)
Some of the poets bought souvenir “space pens” that were developed for use by astronauts. These pens, designed to be unaffected by gravity, have been put to a completely new use by the poets—to jot down haiku that come to mind during the night while lying in bed! As we drove around the Washington, Maryland, and Virginia areas, there was much to see and think about:

seijōki
aogu ya momiji
morotomo ni
Fuyuo Usaki

looking up
at the Star-Spangled Banner
amid the red leaves (tr. Kondo)

Washington
hiroba hitomosu
aki no kure
Shosaku Ohya

Lights on
Washington Square—
end of autumn (tr. Okada)

tsuta-momiji
Victorian no
yanami furi
Toshiko Okuyama

ivy leaves
turning red in a row
of Victorian houses (tr. Okada)

That evening, we enjoyed dinner by candlelight in the formal dining room of the historic Willard Hotel, where the word “lobbyist” was first coined and where, in 1860, the first delegation of Japanese Ambassadors stayed when they came for the treaty ratification. A book with photos showing the Ambassadors during their stay at the Willard was passed around. It was a warm-hearted evening, with much talk of history. The visionary poet Walt Whitman was apparently in the crowd in New York to see the parade honoring these early ambassadors, and afterwards wrote a poem, “The Errand Bearers,” that predicted the impact of the philosophy and culture of the East on the West, which Whitman believed would help Americans “explore the spiritual realms of the universe.”

fuyu kamome
nanboku sensō
kinen no hi
Toshiko Okuyama

winter gulls—
crossing over a monument
to the Civil War (tr. Okada)

The highlight of the visit was a lecture on haiku given by Ishihara-sensei at the residence of the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, Takakazu Kuriyama. The haiku program proved very popular,
drawing one of the largest crowds Mrs. Kuriyama had hosted for her regular “salons” for the purpose of introducing Japanese culture to the wives of Washington dignitaries. Tadashi Kondo did the simultaneous translation of the lecture for the audience of more than 100 guests. Afterwards, the entire haiku delegation joined Mrs. Kuriyama and her guests for lunch in the beautiful Japanese-style residence featuring fine traditional painters and a tea ceremony room overlooking a carp pond. After lunch, we continued driving and walking among the monuments of Washington, D.C.:

Washington Monument
Monument hikaru
tō no saki
Shosaku Ohya

yuyake naka
sukkuto Washington Memorial

Norie Hayakawa

The Lincoln Memorial was covered with scaffolding, but we climbed the tall steps with crowds of tourists to view the marble statue of the 16th president of the U.S., known as the Great Emancipator.

jinmin ni
yoru jinmin no
Linkān-zō hiyu

Mizue Yamada

Down below, the image of the Washington Monument shimmered in Reflecting Pool, with the Capitol in the distance. At the Jefferson Memorial, we viewed the famous cherry trees around the Tidal Basin in their autumn foliage. As we wandered along the bank, a flock of geese flew over, close enough to see the color of their breast feathers:

a flock of wild geese
crossing the Potomac River—

Yatsuka Ishihara

hikari mijin no
Potomac-gawa wo
kari wataru
Ritsuo Okada

sunlight broken into pieces
on the Potomac River

(tr. Okada)

(tr. Okada)
At one point, inspired by a large old tree, the poets linked hands in a circle around it, leaning close to listen inside. All too soon, it was time to leave. All of the ladies carried away little collections of leaves tucked into their notebooks as we headed for our last stop of the day, Arlington National Cemetery, a huge, park-like area overlooking the city. We arrived around dusk, struck by the beauty and serenity of the cemetery with its many great old trees just beginning to shed their leaves over the thousands of graves:

yellow leaves dancing
round the white mausoleum
of unknown soldiers

Yoko Senda

aki kaze no
uta koboshiyuku
kashi tajju

Keiko Etoh

marching in rows
across hills and meadows
soldiers’ graves

Kristen Deming

We walked steadily upward, searching for the Eternal Flame marking the grave of John Kennedy. Arriving finally at the site, high on a hill, we were touched to see that the name of Jacqueline Kennedy had been added to his.

Kennedy no
haka no hi akashi
aki no kure

Yatsuka Ishihara

at Kennedy’s grave,
a flame burning brightly
—autumn evening

(tr. Okada)

yūmei mo
mumei mo boseki
yū-momiji

Haruko Imadome

the well-known
and the unknown are all gravestones—
sunset red leaves

(tr. T. Kondo)
We got lost trying to find our way out of the grounds, and as daylight began to fade, we were surprised to see a fox appear out of the underbrush. According to Japanese folklore, foxes have the power to transform themselves to other shapes and to lead human beings astray, but this one disappeared as quickly as it had appeared.

As we left, from our hilltop vantage point we could see the sun going down over the city of Washington:
Afterwards, on our last night together in America, we ate dinner at a small seafood restaurant on the Maine Avenue waterfront, watching the sunset spread its colors over the water and the city beyond.

\textit{aki yuyake} wo \hspace{6cm} \textit{autumn evening glow}  \\
\textit{sara ni kahan no} \hspace{4cm} \textit{over the dishes of}  \\
\textit{restaurant} \hspace{6cm} \textit{the riverside restaurant}  \\
\textit{Ryusai Takeshita} \hspace{10cm} (tr. Takeshita)

The next day we would return to Japan. That night we rode through the darkened streets past the many famous sights. One of them was both a work place and a home:

\textit{fukeru yo no} \hspace{6cm} \textit{evening deepening—}  \\
\textit{daitōryō-fu no} \hspace{4cm} \textit{the lights of autumn shining}  \\
\textit{aki tomoshi} \hspace{6cm} \textit{from the White House}  \\
\textit{ Itsuko Kaya} \hspace{10cm} (tr. Kaya)

\textsuperscript{1}See \textit{frogpond} XVIII:4, pp. 30-33 (1995).
\textsuperscript{2}Poems edited by Kristen Deming. \textit{Kigo} (season words) are shown in \textbf{boldface}. With thanks for the translations by Tadashi and Kris Kondo, Ryusai Takeshita, and Yoko Senda and the cooperation of Ritsuo Okada, Itsuko Kaya, Keiko Etoh, and the other members of the delegation.

\textsuperscript{3}The HIA (Haiku International Association) delegation:

\begin{itemize}
  \item Yatsuka Ishihara, President of \textit{Aki} (Autumn) haiku group; head of HIA delegation.
  \item Mizue Yamada, President of \textit{Mokugo} (Tree-Talk) haiku group; HIA.
  \item Fuyuo Uzaki, President of \textit{Ashita} (Tomorrow) haiku group; HIA.
  \item Ryusai Takeshita, \textit{Nobi} (Field Fire) haiku group; HIA.
  \item Norie Hayakawa, \textit{Aki} group; \textit{Kojitsu} (Good Day) group; HIA.
  \item Haruko Imadome, \textit{Banryoku} (Myriad Green Leaves) haiku group; HIA.
  \item Ritsuo Okada, \textit{Aki} haiku group; HIA.
  \item Itsuko Kaya, \textit{Aki} haiku group; HIA.
  \item Keiko Etoh, \textit{Aki} haiku group; \textit{Sagae} group; HIA.
  \item Toshiko Okuyama, \textit{Aki} haiku group; HIA.
  \item Shosaku Oya, \textit{Aki} haiku group.
  \item Kristen Deming, Haiku Society of America; Poetry Reading Circle of Tokyo; HIA.
  \item Tadashi Kondo, President of Association for International Renku; HIA.
  \item Yoko Senda, \textit{Aki} haiku group; HIA.
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Useful Internet Sites for Haiku and Related Forms in English

John Sheirer

The internet is a computer-generated, noncorporeal world composed of a huge, ever-growing collection of multilayered computerized documents accessible from personal computers through telephone lines. In an ironic twist, the ancient art of haiku and the ultramodern internet have come together in some fascinating ways. To paraphrase Bashō's famous haiku, "new internet—old haiku jumps in—big splash!"

Computer users can access hundreds of internet sites having to do with haiku. Unfortunately, most sites fall prey to superficial views of haiku and are little more than syllable-counting of very bad poetry—very much like lots of haiku in print. Some of the worst internet sites include an enormous collection of pseudohaiku about the oft-maligned food product Spam, as well as a contest to see who can write the best "haiku" about being drunk. Haiku sites like these have very little to do with what we might see in journals such as *frogpond*, *Modern Haiku*, *RAW NerVZ*, or *Woodnotes* because most internet site administrators are not active in the North American haiku community.

Despite the fact that the print and electronic haiku worlds seldom interface, there are some interesting haiku resources on the internet. These sites give poets whose primary medium is print journals an excellent opportunity to find new haiku worlds that they may never have encountered before. Some of the sites are "edited" by a site administrator as with traditional journals, while other sites simply post haiku by contributors very much in the fashion of the journal *Mirrors*.

Many haiku "purists" might scoff at the idea of haiku in cyberspace, but the internet is simply another place where the influence of haiku as a medium for people to experience the world more intensely can be found. In that way, getting involved with these sites is not radically different from publishing in print journals, participating in haiku societies, or even jotting a poem or two on a post card for a far-away friend. In fact, at the risk of sounding arrogant, the internet haiku community could benefit greatly from the contributions of the print haiku community. When accomplished haiku writers post high-quality poems on the internet, they can provide strong models for the internet haiku community.
Publishing haiku on the internet creates a somewhat awkward situation for writers and editors. Does posting a poem on the internet constitute publication as we think of publication in a print journal? No hard and fast guidelines exist concerning internet publication. Common sense, however, would indicate that any poems posted as a "finished" poem to be read and appreciated by site visitors should be considered a published poem. As such, these poems should not then be submitted to print journals or other internet sites that do not consider previously published poems. If these poems end up in a print or internet collection, the author should acknowledge the internet site just as a print journal would be acknowledged. On the other hand, if poems are posted on a message board for communication or discussion purposes, then it should not be considered "published," but simply "communicated," similar to a poem printed on a holiday card.

The Sites

The sites listed here are the best and/or the ones that give serious haiku writers an opportunity to publish their poems online. I've omitted the most common haiku sites—collections of haiku by individual authors—both because these are so numerous and because they are often misguided, if well-intentioned. The sites listed here are either online magazines or simply information sites. Included with each is the internet web address (known as the "URL"), a brief description of the site's features, and sample poems from the site. Many other, less valuable sites can be found through connections with these sites or through internet search programs.

- AHA!Poetry (http://www.faximum.com/aha!poetry)

An extension of AHA Books, a publishing company that specializes in haiku, renga, and tanka. The most comprehensive web site focused on haiku in English. Features online haiku collections, publishing opportunities, definitions and explanations of haiku-related concepts, an "open mike" for posting poems, and much more.

This site is maintained by Jane Reichhold, a very well respected haiku writer, editor, and publisher. From the "Open Mike" section:

grey squirrel
fattened on hickory nuts
whisks its tail
under three quilts
we share the warmth

a webby welcome
a duck raises one foot
taking the first step

Jane Reichhold

G. Doty
• **Dogwood Blossoms** ([http://glwarner.samford.edu](http://glwarner.samford.edu))

A fairly good-quality online haiku journal that features articles, reviews, lots of poetry—everything you’d expect from a print haiku journal. The site is administered by Gary Warner of Samford University in Louisiana. Michael Dylan Welch, a haiku writer, publisher of haiku books under the Press Here imprint, and editor of the print journal *Woodnotes*, recently joined Warner as an associate editor, giving this journal added credibility. From issue 11, summer 1995:

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ten 74thousand things          these frozen fields       drought
done and undone               not even                            cracked mud
the tea steams                corn-growing sound                     curls
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*William C. Burns Jr.*

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these frozen fields
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*Charles Trumbull*

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drought
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*Chris Erickson*

• **Haiku Attic** ([http://www.tcp.co.uk/~dctrent/attic.html](http://www.tcp.co.uk/~dctrent/attic.html))

Lots of general haiku information, online haiku collections, and connections to other haiku sites. The site is administered in England by Daniel Trent.

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manhole cover     the interview shirt
offering incense lies in the washing basket
to the skyscraper sky all its stripes crooked
(from “The NYC Haiku”) (from “Autumn Twilight”)
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*Paul David Mena*  
*Susan Rowley*

• **Haiku for People** ([http://www.oslonett.no/home/keitoy/haiku.html](http://www.oslonett.no/home/keitoy/haiku.html))

General haiku information, haiku by classic Japanese and contemporary English-language authors, and connections to other haiku sites. Adding to haiku’s international flavor, this site is administered by Kei Grieg Toyomasu in Norway. From the “Haiku Written by People!” section:

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Spring backup in CS lab: on the Chinese vase
time to fall in love with flowers retain brightness
certain humanware —pouring out water
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*Alexey V. Andreyev*  
*Dave McCrosky*

• **Haiku Homepage** ([http://www.dmu.ac.uk/~pka/haiku.html](http://www.dmu.ac.uk/~pka/haiku.html))

General haiku information, connections to other haiku sites, and the very interesting “Sailor’s Dreams” (named by contributor Jane
Reichhold), where writers can post their own haiku. The site is administered by Phil Adams at De Montfort University in England. From “Sailor’s Dreams”:

Three continents away
the moon shines
in my backyard
working long hours—
greeting the paperboy
twice that day

*Rangachari Kidambi*  
*Phil Adams*

- **Haiku Universe**

  (http://www.ori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~dhugal/haikuhome.html)

  This site contains a great deal of information about haiku, senryu, renga, and tanka, including many interesting short essays and commentaries. There are also opportunities to participate in renga, as well as very good links to other haiku sites. The site administrator is Dhugal J. Lindsay, a native Australian who works as a scientist at the University of Tokyo. From “Haiku Written by Dhugal”:

  Camellia blossoms . . .
  none of them standing out
  more than all the rest

- **SciFaiku Manifesto**

  (http://www.crew.umich.edu/~brinck/poetry/manifesto.html)

  An interesting combination of haiku and science fiction that features the site’s “manifesto,” a strong essay on how haiku and science fiction can connect. Much better than it might sound because the site administrator and some of the authors have a fairly good idea of how haiku works. Site visitors can contribute their own scifaiku for online publication. The site is administrated by Tom Brinck at the University of Michigan.

  Digging up the ancient city,
  finding the print
  of a tennis shoe

  *Tom Brinck*

  Spring showers
  my best friend
  rusts.

  *Greg Pass*

- **Shiki International Haiku Salon**

  (http://mikan.cc.matsuyama-u.ac.jp/~shiki)

  Lots of general haiku information, contests, connections to other haiku sites, and a very active maillist where you can exchange haiku
and commentary with other writers. This is the most comprehensive internet site administered in Japan that focuses on English-language haiku. The site is administered at Matsuyama University. From “The Shiki Internet Haiku Contest Results”:

surprising cool breeze
disturbs the grass shadow
on an open book
trembling
as the grape next to it
is plucked

AC Missias

Dhugal Lindsay

**Toast Point Haiku**

(http://www.webcom.com/~erique/haiku/haiku.html)

A very active and interesting (if loosely structured) contest with no specific prizes beyond “gold stars” where site visitors may submit their own haiku for online publication. The often irreverent poems mostly follow the 5-7-5 pattern and are a mixed bag of some good-quality haiku and some real stinkers that have nothing to do with haiku (this site in particular would be a good place for experienced haiku writers to submit poems that might serve as inspiration for Toast Point contributors and other internet haiku writers). The site is administered by Eric Peterson. From the 1995 entries:

Flapping to and fro
The hollow yellow windsock
Full of direction
One more 6 a.m.
My neighbor’s dogs are yapping,
Crapping on my lawn.

Don McLeod

Andie DiFranza

**The Writer’s Gallery** (http://www.onestep.com/writers)

A very good online general literary journal that includes an interesting section titled “Crazy for Haiku,” where writers can submit their own haiku for possible online publication. The site is administered by Mike Crawford. From the “Crazy for Haiku” section:

I lay in the street
watching the clouds go by
as the rain falls down.

Chris Mysen

The author would like to acknowledge the assistance of Michael Dylan Welch in preparing this article.
GRINDING MY INK, a cassette of readings by Margaret Chula, author, with Ken Ulansey, woodwinds. Katsura Press, POB 275, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. US$9.95 + s&h: US $2; Europe and Japan $3.

Although the book, Grind My Ink, winner of the National Book Award in 1994, has already been reviewed,¹ some comments on the recording seem appropriate for a fresh experience with these haiku.

The introduction to the process is likened to a state of “no-mind”:

“the silence between the notes of a flute
the white space around an ink drawing
that which is left unsaid.”

The cassette is divided into sections of seasons and specific subjects. The music, composed and performed by Ulansey on a variety of woodwind instruments with Elliot Diamond, percussion, is perfectly matched to the mood of each poem.

After an introduction by the shakuhachi, Margaret Chula invites the listener into her poems as she “grinds her ink” in preparation for the journey which is obviously in Japan. In the Spring section, the flute continues as a link between verses with repeated intervals and patterns, sometimes slurring, even sliding into notes between silences.

For Summer, the composer has chosen a baritone saxophone. Simple skips turn into clusters of arpeggios, non-melodic but repetitive enough to catch the ear. At the Noh Play is accompanied by the sound of koto, its plucked strings allowed to reverberate through space. Some unorthodox methods of performance produce weird effects. With the addition of a recorder and wind chimes, this is truly an experimental process.

In Autumn, a gong and the deep voice of a bass clarinet echo the poem:

Outside the empty hut
a huddle of crickets
—their hollow voices

Aspirate attacks and key clicks increase the mystery.

The music, until this point in the recording, has offered no suggestion of organization into beats, reflecting the free form of the non-rhyming, non-rhythmic haiku of the author. To set the mood for Graveyard Poet, a persistent, muffled drum beat is introduced, like the human pulse, but it soon dissipates into pitched chimes. Repetition within the haiku, “dead people, dead flowers, clouds pass”, lends cohesiveness above the random accompaniment.
The Winter poems are read with soprano saxophone support, again in free form. But Ulansey occasionally reacts literally on his instrument. When “the candle flickers”, so does the sax. In this entire section, the performer displays variation of vibrato and dynamics, plus a sense of direction that is breathtaking.

A poignancy in Dead Sparrow, about the suicide of an aged neighbor, is portrayed on the soprano recorder by tones that “cry” into the next note. The mood of sadness is balanced by occasional mundane observations of the poet.

Margaret Chula herself is a writer who employs—consciously or not—subtle musical devices in her haiku, such as the use of alliteration in “crumbling chrysanthemums”, “pampas plumes”, and the verse: “a plump persimmon plops into the pond, smell of mud”. Her choices of vowels and consonants instill a rich resonance into the lines. So it is not surprising that her collection of haiku would stimulate a composer/musician of professional caliber to collaborate. Chula’s images are simple and specific; they are reflected in a unique and sensitive accompaniment. She wastes not one word in projecting her meaning; the music links the verses but never competes with her articulation. Her reading is sincere; the music is dedicated to supporting her presentation.

This cassette contains a rich collection of haiku by a master. It is also an aesthetic experience in combining poetry and music with such sensitivity that one almost has to ask, “Which came first?” Whenever a musician is invited to accompany, it is a temptation to add too much, to “do one’s own thing.” The more virtuoso the performer, the greater the temptation. But it did not happen in this cassette. If not a haiku poet himself, I should suspect that Ken Ulansey is at least a student of Zen. Certainly he believes with Margaret Chula that “less is more.”

Reviewed by Elizabeth Nichols

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1Elizabeth Searle Lamb, frogpond XVII:2, p. 37 (1994)
BOOK REVIEWS

*Dance of Light.* Elizabeth St Jacques. Illust. Ruby Spriggs. maplebud press, 1995. 123 pp. 5½ x 8½ in. paper, perfectbound. $15 ppd North America; p&h overseas, add $1.50 (surface) or $2.50 (air). Order from/checks (US or Canadian funds) to author, 406 Elizabeth St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 3H4, Canada.

Reading Elizabeth St Jacques' *Dance of Light,* I was surprised how good it made me feel; however, I must admit I came to it with some reservations after heavy hyperbole on the jacket cover and a sense that some reviewers would place a halo on her all-too-human head. Save the saints for the canons, let them be mythical figures, heroes and heroines who will inspire us when we seek inspiration. With that said, what has St Jacques given us here? Steps of tenderness and love and humor if our life has been so blessed. But if darkness has shaped our lives, and we have slipped around on tenement stones, it will be hard to appreciate:

- melon slices
- misting up the shop window
- a row of small pink mouths
- mother braids
- bright childhood tales
- into my long blond hair

The tone of this collection is clear as soon as we hear the voice of the child: "evening prayer/God bless all my family/. . . my dollies too"; some change occurs with maturity, but the adult voice still rings with optimism and good humor:

- the space between
- moon and star
- another special dream

And it persists: "in new deep snow/beneath the apple tree/a perfect hole." Here and there a shadow defines the shape of light, and we see it in haiku like these:

- dance of light
- in the frog-filled pond
- . . . blue heron

- in autumn woods
- silence tightens
- the rifle's click
But for the most part, St. Jacques see the glass half full, not half empty. Readers of haiku journals will recognize some of the poems and will be glad to see them again, like the unexpected visit of an old friend:

the circle of the winging hawk tightens to a dot hands inside her sleeves again—

There will be other surprises, good surprises; from “At the Farm”:

battle won, the rooster strutting with a limp another argument Grandpa’s heavy sigh as he removes his teeth

from “First Day Of Convent”:
a mountain at the convent door the nun about to cry, the girl in the next bed farts

from “Coming Of Age”:

first high heels i learn how not to run first strapless gown i learn how not to breathe deeply

from “High School Sparks”:

he asks me for a date the taxidermist’s son stuffed in football gear

from “Assorted Blessings”:

stop light a child’s sealskin sleeve, touched by the youngest nun

from “Autumn & Winter”:

in the heart of the peach still life

Dance of Light looks perfectly at home on my haiku bookshelves, adding a spot of light to some of the darker collections I own. Would I recommend it? Oh yes.

Reviewed by Marian Olson

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Each anthology reflects the particular sensibilities and aesthetics of both the contributing poets and the editors. The art of bringing disparate voices into an interesting and satisfying harmony is beautifully demonstrated in *Unbroken Curve*. In the introduction by Associate Editor Ce Rosenow, we learn of the difficulties and losses that the Pacific Northwest experienced this year. Two valued members of the haiku community passed away (Wilma Erwin and Harriet Kofalk) and the winter's heavy flooding brought tragedy and loss to the entire area. She explains how the passage of time and its effects on human life are expressed in the poems contained in the anthology, and states, "It is this recognition that forges acceptance of life's cycles, and through this acceptance we gain the ability to appreciate the duality around us, to see both the flood waters and the cherry blossoms, the grave sites and the forget-me-nots—in short to acknowledge the relationship between beginnings and endings and to celebrate the continuity of this cycle.” Cherie Hunter Day’s sensitive arrangement of the poems amplifies the hope in an unbroken curve of life continually revitalized and flowing through time.

Though arranged by season, the individual poems move through various moods and places. Still, we come away with the feeling of having experienced a whole and not just a collection. The poems (selected by three judges) and the thoughtful arrangement and layout give this anthology the feel of an integrated work. The stark white linen paper is heavy and slightly textured, yet it has the delightful aspect of being slightly translucent. This serendipitous quality allows Cherie Hunter Day’s finely detailed illustrations to show through to unillustrated pages, thus visually tying the anthology together. The obvious love and careful detailing that went into this volume, in addition to the fine poems, makes it a thoroughly enjoyable chapbook.

Having just visited Portland in May, I was deeply moved by its lush greenery and a profusion of spring blossoms. And, the daily rains. Many people spoke of the devastating floods of the past winter. In just a few days I, too, became aware of the loss and the continuity—within the seasons and within the fellowship of the poets who inhabit this beautiful landscape.
Two personal favorites from *Unbroken Curve*:

Mountains
through my window
melting in the rain

*William Scott Galasso*

azalea blossoms
floating in a spring puddle
red-sailed sloops

*Jean Chapman Snow*

I recommend this HSA regional anthology for its portrayal of the land it arises from, for its tasteful and subtle layout and illustrations, and for the many lovely poems it contains. It is reassuring to know we are all a part of the unbroken curve, the ongoing cycle of Nature and creativity.

*Reviewed by Ebba Story*


With Kokopelli skipping and flauting across the cover, this annual, published this time by the HSA Southwestern Region, contains the third collection of haiku by HSA members. The title emphasizes the nature of the haiku as a "one-breath poem."

Collections such as this have been condemned because they contain one haiku from each contributing member, chosen by a committee; it has been claimed that a quality publication cannot be attained in this manner. Obviously not all the poems in this book are of uniform excellence, but the majority are high-quality haiku which are, moreover, assembled with skill by the editors. A few of my favorites:

- the pine’s slow spiraling into stars
  *Suzan Aikins*

- between fugues the sound of rain on stained-glass
  *Jerry Kilbride*

- cupped hands losing sea drop
  dy drop
  *Robert Henry Poulin*

- child violinist getting lots of the notes right this very hard chair
  *Ronan*

Jim Kacian prefaces this book of haiku with a four-part poem entitled “Presence.” Some lines from this poem:

Before there was creation, there was silence.
Language arose from silence.
It is man who exists between silence and language.
The centrality of silence in a man, in any being, we call ‘presence.’
Haiku . . . attempts to point to silence.
Where silence is shared, we are all present.

Among the haiku that follow, there are examples of Jim Kacian’s approach to the spirituality of silence and of presence.

chopping wood
someone does the same
a moment later

winter seclusion
tending all day
the small fire

In the first poem, we are reminded of Layman P’ang’s tribute to the spirituality of the mindful performance of simple everyday tasks, and additionally are told of the communion existing among persons engaged in such tasks. In the second, although the poet is tending a fire to keep warm in the cold weather, he is also engaged throughout the day in his solitude and silence, in tending the “small fire” of his meditative spirit.

clear here
but haze to the east
haze to the west

caterpillar
spins a mid-life crisis

Indeed, is not the here and now always the clearest point (even though at times it may appear quite obscure)? Other places, other times, are much more difficult (or impossible) to see. And if only humans were always as beautiful after their midlife crises as are the butterflies! [Note how Kacian has encompassed the entire period of metamorphosis in one hyphen!]

Certainly not all of the haiku in this book are as charged with implication, but readers will find much grist for their meditative mills.

Reviews by Kenneth C. Leibman

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ERRATA

By a process not understood by the editor, tabulation codes became inoperative during the copying of the page proof of the memorial for Nancy Ford-Poulin into final page makeup of issue XIX:1, so that two haiku by her husband Robert were fused together. Robert was very good about this, saying that the resulting verse made a sort of sense. Nevertheless, the two haiku are reprinted as they were intended:

the last fence post— in the fog  
a vesper sparrow alights a trumpet  
puffed with song of swansong

* Robert Henry Poulin

In issue XIX:1, a haiku by Katie Lind was printed over the byline of Lisa Pretus. The editor regrets this error and the two haiku by the two poets are printed on p. 38 of this issue.

Back fenders rattling This haiku by Sarah Hickenbotham on Nicollet Avenue was printed with an error in issue rhythm with rap XVIII:4.

learning Two errors in citation were made by authors in its readings/reviews in recent issues. In “Thieves” (issue name XIX:1), Patricia Neubauer inadvertently added a the word to a haiku by Robert Spiess, thus violating his thief rule about maximum length of vertical haiku. The stretches correct haiku is printed to the left.

forth In his review of anne mckay’s “a cappella” (issue his XVIII:4), Michael Dylan Welch misattributed the hand one-line verse, “eggs scrambling in the crook of a jewelweed!” a raccoon shifts” to anne mckay. It was actually a renga link by Dorothy Howard.

Both authors apologize for their misquotations.

In issue XIX:1, two authors’ names were omitted from the Author Index by the editor’s error: F. Matthew Blaine and Lewis Sanders.

The wrong cover design for issue XIX:1 was given to the printer by the editor while the artist was out of the country. What was printed was a computer-modification of an illustration by Dorling Kindersley in “The Self-Sufficient Gardener” (1978) rather than the abstraction that was supposed to be used. The editor assumes full responsibility for this error, which was not the fault of the artist.
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Deadline (in hand) November 30, 1996. Sponsored by British Haiku Society. Entries should approximate traditional haiku form, not necessarily 5-7-5 syllables (for guidelines, send SASE or SAE + IRC to address below). Judging: preliminary, BHS committee; final, J.W. Hackett. Prizes; £70 and others; publication in Blithe Spirit. Send up to 5 unpublished (and not currently elsewhere submitted) English-language haiku, each on 3 separate cards or pieces of paper, with name and address on the back of one only, together with SASE or SAE + IRC and entry fee (£2.50 sterling only by UK bankcheck or International Money Order payable to “The British Haiku Society”, or £2.50 sterling or US$4.00 in cash), to Hackett Award, 27 Park St., Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7PA, England.

North Carolina Haiku Society, 1997 International Haiku Contest.
Deadline December 1, 1996. Unlimited entries of unpublished haiku, not currently submitted elsewhere. Send each on duplicate 3×5” cards, one unidentified, one with name & address. Prizes $100/50/25 + 2 HM, $15 each. Winners announced at the Haiku Holiday (see Meetings) on January 25. A winners’ sheet is published, but all rights are retained by authors. Send with entry fee of US$1/haiku and SASE to: North Carolina Haiku Society, 3001 Mandy Ln., Morehead City NC 28557.

Pennsylvania Poetry Society 45th Annual Contest
Deadline (postmark) January 15, 1997. One “traditional or modern” haiku, unpublished, not otherwise submitted, not having previously won a cash prize. Type on two 8½×11” sheets, both with “Category 11: The Cecilia Parsons Miller Memorial Award” in UL corner, only one with name & address in UR corner. Also a separate cover page with name, number and name of category as above, first line of haiku, and name and address of your local newspaper. Prizes $25/15/10 + publication in Society annual. Send with SASE and entry fee of $1.50 (check to PPS, Inc.) to Lillian Tweedy, Contest Chairman, 2488 New Franklin Rd., Chambersburg PA 17201.

Poets' Study Club, 57th Annual International Poetry Contest.
Deadline (in hand): February 1, 1997. Categories: Serious poems, Light verse, and “Traditional Haiku”. Limit one poem per category, typed in English on 8½×11” paper, with author’s name & address on each sheet. Prizes $25/15 in each category. No entry fee. Send to Annual International Contest, Esther Alman, 826 S. Center St., Terre Haute IN 47807.
Still, Haiku Award 1997.


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PUBLICATIONS


Haiku is a second Croatian haiku journal, edited by Tomislav Maretić et al. Mostly in Croatian, although poems and articles written in English are presented bilingually. Address: Haiku, SIPAR d.o.o, Gajdekova 24, Zagreb, Croatia.

Still, a quarterly journal of haiku, senryu, and short poems, edited by ai li and published by the empty press, expects its first issue in January, 1997. Annual subscription: £20 + p&h: overseas surface £4, airmail £8 (per issue, £5.99 + £1/£2). International Postal Money Orders payable to Still. Subscriptions and submissions to Still, 49 Englands Lane, London NW3 4YD, England or e-mail submissions to <still@into.demon.co.uk>.

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