

Poetry Series

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Haiku ' Bison '

In early dawn-time

steamy breath on the window -

the bison snorted.

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Haiku ' Grain '

Split sack dribbles grain

sparrow forages briskly ~

old women chatter.

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Haiku ' Mill '

Old mills rigid sails

white fingers pointing the way~

wheat harvest is through.

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Haiku ' Plaza ' Pt 2

Sand circle of death

a swirling veronica ~

the bulls horn goring.

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Haiku ' Silk '

Sky high, wind blown crows ~

scraps of black silk flickering

mourning handkerchiefs.

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Haiku ' Whisper '

Wind through the wood bridge

old boards sighing and groaning ~

whispering women.

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Haiku ' Caprice '

The capricious wind

undressed the cherry blossoms ~

flicked my sisters skirt.

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Haiku ' Carved ' Pt 1

Grey flint covered church

carved oaken pews slumbering -

mourning this morning.

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Haiku ' Clouds '

Pencil lines of clouds

drawn slowly to gibbous moon ~

leaden steps plod home.

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Haiku ' Creaking '

Old wood bridge creaking

recalling long gone footfalls ~

Grandfather sighing.

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Haiku ' Cuckoo '

The cuckoo calling

from undulating reed bed ~

hear Fathers ' Halloo '.

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Haiku ' Dray '

Dray in the fold yard

old horse being curry combed ~

the wind brushed Inn-sign.

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Haiku ' Emotion '

Another booting

retreat; rat-like, to my place ~

knowing what comes next.

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Haiku ' Fly'

ZZZZZ; black fly zips by

joins others on the dung heap -

ZZZZZ; infant asleep.

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Haiku ' Help '

Scouring pads of love

wiping away hopelessness ~

forgiving daughter.

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Haiku ' Hunt '

Dew struck cobweb wheel

stealthy spider hunts by feel ~

anglers twitching rod.

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Haiku ' Lawn '

Blackbird prowls my lawn

head nodding from side to side~

Old lady gossips.

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Haiku 'Leaves '

autumn of my life

now leaves memories of leaves

drifting through my soul

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Haiku ' Marsh'

Out of the vast marsh

plaintive grey curlew calling-

sister scolding me.

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Haiku ' Matins '

Martins in mud cups

morning song of birds echoes -

priest saying Matins.

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Haiku ' Midge '

Midge infested marsh

acrobatic bird hops reeds ~

my daughters pirouette.

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Haiku ' Net'

Coils of wet fish-net

silvery mounds of fishes -

old men dither home.

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Haiku 'Ophidia'

Sleeping coil of snake

slithered as my shadow fell -

rope slipped the bollard.

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Haiku ' Plaza ' Finale

Bull rings concrete seat

wearing out the priests cassock ~

he's saying; Last Rites.

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Haiku ' Plaza ' Pt1

Sand circle of death

a swirling veronica ~

black bull coughing blood.

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Haiku ' Prey'

Hawk mantles its prey-

priest in black garb christening

white mantled infant.

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Haiku ' Rush '

There; metropolis

clattering escalators -

here; ants scurrying.

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Haiku ' Sea'

Boat prows bobbing rhythm

fisherman meshing a net-

sisters hair flowing.

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Haiku ' Steam '

Steam wrapped restaurant

clattering, flame licked cook pots ~

cool breeze stirs the scents.

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Haiku 'Tide'

Even-tide flowing full

pulling the trawlers to sea -

tarry ropes twanging.

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Haiku ' Transition '

Winter weary plants

Swan-song of seed setting done ~

Till they spring in spring.

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Haiku ' Voice'

A bittern boomed

the vast marsh swallowed it-

mother calling me.

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Haiku ' Votive'

Black shawled women

votive candles spluttering ~

snow flakes fluttering.

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Haiku 'Web '

Dew-dropped gauzy web

blundering insect flies in -

Internet is on.

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Haiku ' Wedding '

Old widow in black

shuffles through the confetti ~

Bride in white; laughing.

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Haiku ' Wheat'

wind moans softly

ripples the wheat field ~

sets tent cords drumming

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Haiku 'Accident'

A still night waiting

rain patters on the window-

siren howls and wails.

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Haiku 'Autumn'

Wind carrying seeds

sycamore helicopters-

sister spinning wool.

revision

sycamore seeds

spin gently ~

autumn's signature

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Haiku 'Beduin '

Shimmering desert

one lone tree casts its shadow -

Beduin On my mind.

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Haiku 'Between'

A flight of grey cranes

Glided into no mans land-

More thoughtful than us.

revision

grey cranes flew
into no-mans land
unperturbed

revision

grey cranes flew
into no-man's land
unperturbed
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Haiku 'Birch '

Single silver birch

over-looking the old church-yard -

priest in black waiting.

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Haiku 'Birdwatching'

White mist drapes the col

bitter cold nags at my face-

black grouse lekking.

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Haiku 'Carved ' Pt2

Dust motes congregate

above the slate memorials ~

slow moving cortege.

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Haiku 'Caught'

A marbled temple

to harvest of fresh caught fish-

the priest genuflects.

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Haiku 'City'

Burnt rubber smoke stinks

shards of glass twinkle like gems-

paramedics weep.

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Haiku 'Clock '

I stopped the clock then,

old man, fingering rosary ~

his wife- dead and cold.

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Haiku 'Cricket'

On white washed cobble

a cricket creeping along-

old man stooped and bent.

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Haiku 'Eat'

starlings squabbling noise

crumbs of bread falling from beaks-

gummy old man eats.

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Haiku 'Edge '

Dark alleys call me

cold mist gets inside my clothes -

I sleep shivering.

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Haiku 'Fading '

Lichen stained gravestone

leaning at earths whim over time ~

Fathers fading name.

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Haiku 'Grace'

Stately red crowned cranes

prancing in the snowy field-

my tallest sister.

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Haiku' Knowledge'

Mountains hanging there

holding their knowledge aloof-

white bearded old men.

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Haiku' Lace'

Plumed egrets shuffling

dripping white laced reflections-

of the lace maker.

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Haiku' Life'

Hawk high on thermals

someone spoke in the silence-

or a voles deathsqueak.

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Haiku 'Market'

Market day so bleak

mounds of white lace on stall-

snowflakes start to drift.

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Haiku 'Moonflower '

Oh-pervading scent

is life descent or ascent ~

in night moonflower?

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Haiku 'Pebbles'

Stars hang like lanterns

hissing waves shift smooth pebbles-

my brother whistling.

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Haiku 'Pedalling'

Tinkling goat herd bells

Whirring crickets cast their spell ~

my son pedalled by.

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Haiku 'River'

Hazed mist of morning

kingfisher iridescent-

sticklebacks beware.

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Haiku' Sand '

Sand in my ice cream

dripping white on my fingers -

an old man shaving.

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Haiku 'shadow '

Nocturnal shadows ~

door creaking open to her love

black cats stealthy hunt.

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Haiku 'shoe'

My untied shoe-lace

following reluctantly-

my sisters pigtail.

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Haiku 'slumber'

A buffeting wind

gate grunting on rusty hinge-

old man snores away.

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Haiku 'sparrows '

Split grain sack leaking

chattering sparrows feeding ~

old women prattle.

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Haiku 'storm "

Endless reeds swaying

slow marching banks of storm clouds ~

concealed bittern booms.

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Haiku 'Train'

Freight train clattered by

over a tree lined viaduct-

golden oriole sings

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Haiku. 'Go'

Ite, Missa est -

go, the Mass is finished:

click of rosaries.

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Haiku'Lakeside'

Grey bow wing heron

lands as sentry of quick death-

pickerels dart deep.

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Haiku'Poet '

Having An Insight

Knowledge~Understanding..Peer-

Over Eternity's Tower.

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Haiku'spray'

Fast plunging gannets

churning the sea white with spray-

mothers floury hands.

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Senyru ' Boil '

The boil erupted

spoiling my sisters romance ~

custard for supper.

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Senyru ' . Pitch '

Wet November pitch

Boots and kit smeared with dog dung ~

we smell- Victory.

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