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Nature Haiku

Renderings



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"Ginko Walk and Poetry"



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What is Haiku?

Haiku poetry originated in Japan. The poems are short and usually (not always!) have three lines that contain seventeen syllables— five syllables in the first line, seven in the second and five in the third. Many times haiku is written with a nature theme. Inspiration can come from a "Ginko walk." Often there is a word or reference to a season that tells the reader what time of year it is. (In Japan this is called "Kigo.") Sometimes the poet gives details that show emotion rather than describing a scene with a lot of words, and the poem can also contain a "subject shift" that gives it a surprising meaning.

The Poems

Selected poems from Session One, July 10, 2013

The Dragonfly

An electric streak
carried on fragile black wings
flutters around me.



- Liam

Birds

Happy as can be
Flying about in the trees
Singing their own songs

- Dane

Dead blossoms dangle
on Cambridge Springs damselfly home
indigenous host

- Colleen

Mushrooms

Bug infested foam
on a mulchy forest floor
munch you on pizza

- Kathy



Jewel tones flashing
darting, flitting, swoop, then alights
delicate delight
- Tanya

mowing machine
taming the wild
only if it starts
- Gary

Cracks in the asphalt
Tiny pink blossoms struggle
Life flowing forward
- Colleen

Seasonal Consistency
buttercup so yellow
my youth at a glance and smell
you are always July
- Kathy



Bats



They eat mosquitoes
Attack at night, sleep in day
Hiding from owls
- Dane

Still, quiet, serene
silently slipping past me
present only a moment
- Tanya

Turquoise damselfly
Indian jewels in verdant greens
Nature stones freed
- Colleen



The Creek

Peaceful slow water
lazily flowing by us
please teach me calmness
- Liam



Hidden berry patch
seeking the sun
someone's lunch
- Gary

Spider



Spinning their silk webs
scaring little girls and boys
dining on insects
- Dane



Christmas in July
Red blackberries bring thoughts of joy
Celebrate the Babe
- Colleen

Damselfly and Haiku

Graceful damselfly
remember me on paper
light, thin, dotted wings
- Kathy



Selected poems from Session Two

Tree

Swaying in the wind
growing at every moment
favorite spot for birds
- Dane

Earth's Dirt

It supports the trees
add water and you get mud
it is marvelous
- Liliãne

Moss

covers half the rock
slimy, squishy, green, mossy
covers the rock, wow!
- Anthony

Nature Center

Out of the forest
There was a stone building alone
Inside lots to learn
- Melissa



Nasty Gnats

Batting eyes so fast
a barrier to attack
nasty, nasty gnats
- Kathy



Walking Bug

The small walking bug
Maybe it has been wounded
So he jumps for pain
- Anthony

Mushrooms

growing up from ground
like umbrellas for the forest floor
are there Smurfs inside?
- Melissa



Dead plants all over!
Tall, big trees surrounding me.
Nature is really cool.
- Maddie

Oaks

Giant oaks grow high
above the grass , pointing to clouds
Floating on gentle breeze

- Gary



Flowers

Flowers are pretty.
Purple flowers bloom in day
the sun powers them.

- Stephanie

Bark

It is super rough
There is lots of bark on trees
Feels like there are cracks

-Lindsey



Mushroom

sometimes good to eat
it is really not a room
some are poisonous

- Liliane

Bugs

Bugs are annoying
Swatting them away all day
Nature is bug-filled

Stephanie



Mosquitos

Ouch, itching won't stop
Buzzing around your ears and feet
leaving behind red spots.

- Melissa



Dead Leaves

Crunch, crunch they sound like
When I step on them crunch, crunch
They are brown and small

-Lindsey

Nature Center Tree

The tree has an "X"
End of the trail, faithful friend
Your might stays with me.

- Kathy



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