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lost in the mountains
I follow the path
of a rolling stone

Vladislav Hristov Failed Haiku #68

suddenly stuck in the moment snow

Ben Gaa, Blithe Spirit Vol 31 Number 2

early light
a rising wind catches every note
of silence

Sandra Simpson, Presence issue 70

Original Haiku and Senryu

Ronald K Craig's nomination for the judges' choice:

inside
the empty cup
a brigantine in full sail

Allison Douglas-Tourner

the lemon tree
blooming at last
with bees

Giddy Nielsen Sweep

such silence -
from my window
I speak to the pear tree

Neera Kashyap

wet footprints on boulders
evidence of existence
fading with the breeze

J Scott Shields

alone, preparing
for the long walk to nowhere.
no where. no where. rest.

Richard Lawson

colored leaves
warm blanket of earth
cold wind

Eva Drobná

spring equinox
a new psychologist blossoms
in my old office

Bruce H Feingold

winter evening -
wrapping myself
in Sinatra's voice

Angela Terry

watching a huddle
of fishing boats bob -
harbour seals

Karen Harvey

deserted beach
footprints following
the ships

Sue Young

summer retreat...
the sound of water
sculpting rock

Srinivas S

sculling
through the skin of the sky
water boatmen

Christopher Jupp

at the window
wrong end
of a cat

Roberta Beach Jacobson

the wind
around my ankle
next door's cat

Marilyn Ward

warm coffee
morning sun lights up
sweet clover fields

Sarah M Calvello

utter silence
slow-motion sailing
lost in thought

Richard Bailly

swallows skim
the water ripples
of summer wind

Sarah Paris

spring rain -
puddles form
in my mind

Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

holding on
to the last dandelion
dragonfly

Alaka Yeravadekar

every bend,
however long it runs. . .
the river path

Brett Brady

sunday morning
a trail of clouds rushes
over busy paddy fields

Devoshruti Mandal

rain
leaking through the roof
i set my metronome

Melanie Vance

fleeting touch
the sudden bloom
of goosebumps

Ravi Kiran

letting go
the raucous descent
of a waterfall

Carol Judkins

the melody of a blackbird singing nimbostratus

GRIX

shady table
the company of
camellias

Craig Lincoln

meeting him
for fish and chips
Waterloo sunset

Mariangela Canzi

between the sun
and my thoughts—
pelicans

Diana Salusia

pouring down
through the rainforest
komorebi

Pam Joy

so hot
taking out the watermelon
early

Richard Tice

late summer heat
grandma's fermented pickles
on the windowsill

Hifsa Ashraf

summer noon
the sunlit veins
in grandma's hand

Mona Bedi

sun-bleached
she insists
it's just a freckle

Tracy Davidson

first drops of rain
after a dry spell
acceptance letters

Jackie Chou

Speaking of submissions let me just remind you that I'm accepting **submissions for haibun** this month. Your **deadline is the 31st of October 2021**.

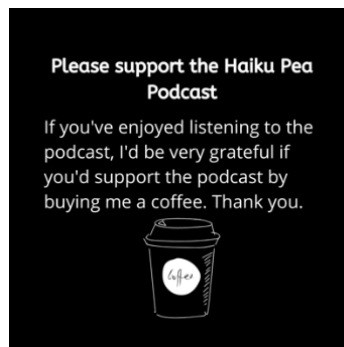
Don't neglect your **long haiku submissions** though. If you're listening to this before the 20th of October you still have time to get your long haiku submitted by email.

I'm busy thinking of topics for next year and I hope by the end of November they will be up on the website so that you can start planning your submissions. The best way to find out what they will be is to sign up for our mailing. **Please do go to the website and fill in the mail signup form**. I don't send that many emails but you might miss some new developments if you're not signed up.

Recently I sent a mailing to find out which social media channels you're using. I was quite surprised to find out how popular YouTube is. Most of you will know that we have a **Poetry Pea YouTube channel** with lots and lots of resources for haiku poets.

If you're not a subscriber already, do go along and subscribe, you don't want to miss out on all the bits and bobs on there. Perhaps you also want to join in, **send me a video for the haiku moment** or the **monthly haiku prompt**, or **write some poetry for the prompt**. I'll be choosing some of my favourites to feature on a podcast soon.

My thanks to my editing team for this podcast, James Young, Robert Horrobin and Craig Kittner, you worked so hard to read all the submissions, around 900 last month, thank you. Remember if you would like to help me by editing the submissions or being a community judge, please get in touch via email.



Last but absolutely not least I have to say a big thank you to everyone who bought me a coffee in September. Robert Kingston, Mary Jo Balistreri, Melanie Vance, Jason Furtak, Carol Judkins, Gilly Pawson, Michael Winter, Anna Yin, Sarah Paris, Ronald Craig, Linda Ludwig, Rhonda Boocock, Eve Castle and m shane pruet. As you know I'm saving for a new microphone and as I record this podcast I'm 75% of the way to being able to purchase it. Your help is much appreciated to keep this show on the road.

paid in watermelon
the letter I wrote
for a farmhand

Pat Davis

honey on bread
still tasting so sweet
this year's summer

Samo Kreutz

nestled in the core
of an ancient giant
heartwood

JL Huffman

field furrows -
crows scratching
the sky

Daniela Misso

right of way -
the stag and I
both stare

Dorothy Burrows

misty morning
perfume wafts
you in my dream

Ram Chandran

green figs
waiting for the first leaf
to turn yellow

Anna Maria Domburg-Sancristoforo

kintsugi
the fleeting form
of a cloud

Angiola Inglese

heavy rain
ripe plums coat
the stone Buddha

James Young

rain, snow, and sleet
thread through curling fingers —
bare blackberry brambles

Ethan McGuire

melting snow -
the bridal dress
slithers to her feet

Paul Callus

white snow—
too shy to tinkle
near other boys

Curt Pawlisch

snowing
the scarecrow
gets friends

Daniel Birnbaum

ivy roots...
the chameleon scales
of an old oak tree

Wendy Gent

warm shortcake
with a side of ice cream
strawberry moon

Christine Wenk-Harrison

silent leaf fall...
the moon dissolves
in the pond

Cherry A

buck moon
the branching silence
of maple seedlings

Joshua St Claire

day moon
the sparrow hangs
on the fly-ball net

David Oates

Moonlight Sonata ...
a motionless silhouette
in the barred window

Natalia Kuznetsova

veiled moon -
beneath, the city fades
so far away

Flaminius

soldier beetle I neglect my duties

Dr Tim Gardiner

long after
the sound of jet skis
the sound of waves

Chris Dean

clear morning sky
the warbler rests
on the lightening rod

Nicole Tilde

six crows —
at the bus stop
— south bound

Linda L Ludwig

laughing kookaburra...
remembering the east river's night lights

martin gottlieb cohen

noon stillness
a crow scratches
the wooden bench

Neena Singh

azalea petals
littering the front path
without visitors

BA France

this restless mind
shifting flocks of waxwings
in the mountain ash

Kristen Lindquist

a jazz ban
on the upper floors
wind rattles the roof

Christina Chin

New Orleans
the jazz of raindrops
on a flooded street

Bill Fay

tempest
on the potent wind
herring gulls drift

Steven Stokes

traffic light
pausing my walk
the red dragonfly

Laughing waters

guitar circle
the mosquitoes hum
a different tune

m shane pruet

sunflower taller than
I am
closer to heaven

Ronald K Craig

Lorraine Padden's nomination for the Judges' Choice

train journey
my favourite book
in a stranger's hand

Vandana Parashar

black night the gold in the maple disappears

Kathleen Tice

butterflies
a touch of summer
in her fingertips

Robert Witmer

snipping
black-eyed Susans
the executioner within

Doris Lynch

caught
in the train's whistle
autumn loneliness

Marilyn Ashbaugh

on the sidewalk
no mate in sight
tiny yellow shoe

B Sharp

crystal clear toes
a white-clawed crayfish
slips by

Claire Ninham

sticky notes
things I remind myself
to forget

Alvin B Cruz

aging
the cheese I choose
getting milder

Maire Morrissey Cummins

water glasses
how differently we look
at the world

Debbie Strange

jampacked train
your head on another
shoulder

Radhamani sarma

rail cars float
sheering blades of grass
first firefly

Erin Castaldi

steady rain drips
dance pollen off tea leaves
flavor bombs

Wayne Kingston

kintsugi
not enough gold
for the world's cracks

Christa Pandey

sweeping the path
my atoms
scattering a little

Tony Williams

silver anniversary
the length
of his scrotum

Aaron Barry

Monday morning
so much I don't know
dense fog

Nika

fog lifting...
a hummingbird hovers
within arm's reach

Richard L Matta

arctic mist
a polar bear disappears
into drifting pack ice

Jay Friedenberg

cacophony of dogs
4 AM Man
collects the cans

EL Blizzard

department store mirrors
a skinny mannequin
follows me

Kelly Sargent

as the crow flies the curves of the river

Mark Gilbert

so many
unspoken wishes...
cloudy Perseid night

Eugeniusz Zacharski

rerinsing a dish...
expecting words
to return

Geoff M Pope

just a toy—
father and son
killing something

PH Fischer

filling the soap dish
the purple scent
of lavender

Deborah P Kolodji

fish scale glints
on cook's knife —
the kitten purrs

Sangita Kalarickal

daydreaming...
we build
another LEGO city

Zahra Mughis

cold cloud
just enough to cool
the cotton cake

Maya Daneva

Dianne Garcia's nominations for the Judges' Choice

hibiscus tea
grandma's lipstick a shade
lighter

Minal Sarosh

spring
grandma knits another
purple sky

Lakshmi Iyer