

Haiku / Hokku



Richard Wright

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Gazing at her face
Reflected in the spring pond,
The girl grimaces.

Wright, Richard. *Haiku: This Other World*.
New York: Anchor Books, 1998. Print.

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A silent spring wood:
A crow opens its sharp beak
And creates a sky.

Wright, Richard. *Haiku: This Other World*.
New York: Anchor Books, 1998. Print.

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Blue-black beak open,
The crow hurls a caw straight at
A sinking red sun.

Wright, Richard. *Haiku: This Other World*.
New York: Anchor Books, 1998. Print.

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A dead mouse floating
Atop a bucket of cream
In the dawn spring light.

Wright, Richard. *Haiku: This Other World*.
New York: Anchor Books, 1998. Print.

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A white butterfly
Sits with slowly moving wings
On a dead black snake.

Wright, Richard. *Haiku: This Other World*.
New York: Anchor Books, 1998. Print.

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An old lonely man
Had a long conversation
Late one winter night.

Wright, Richard. *Haiku: This Other World*.
New York: Anchor Books, 1998. Print.

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An old blindman
Playing a black violin
Amid fallen leaves.

Wright, Richard. *Haiku: This Other World*.
New York: Anchor Books, 1998. Print.

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Santoka Teneda

367

Slightly tipsy;
The leaves fall
One by one.

Teneda, Santoka. *Mountain Tasting*. John Stevens, trans.
New York: White Pine Press, 2009. Print.

(December 3, 1882 - October 11, 1940)

Santoka Teneda

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If I sell my rags
And buy some sakè
Will there still be loneliness?

Teneda, Santoka. *Mountain Tasting*. John Stevens, trans.
New York: White Pine Press, 2009. Print.

(December 3, 1882 - October 11, 1940)