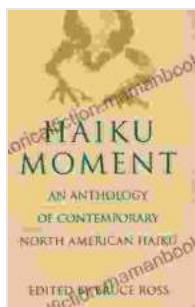


# An Anthology of Contemporary North American Haiku

Welcome to "An Anthology of Contemporary North American Haiku," a collection of over 1,200 haiku by some of the most renowned poets in the English-speaking world. These haiku explore a wide range of themes, from the beauty of the natural world to the complexities of the human experience.

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry that consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second line, and five syllables in the third line. Haiku often focus on nature, but they can also explore other topics such as love, loss, and the human condition.



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The haiku in this anthology have been carefully selected for their beauty, their originality, and their insights into the human experience. We hope that you will enjoy reading them as much as we enjoyed compiling them.

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### Nature

The natural world is a common theme in haiku. The following haiku explore the beauty of the natural world, from the smallest creatures to the vast landscapes.

A tiny sparrow  
Perched on a cherry branch  
Sings its heart out

- Issa

The wind blows through trees  
Leaves rustling like whispers  
Nature's symphony

- Basho

A mountain stream flows  
Clear and cold, reflecting  
The blue of the sky

- Shiki

## **The Human Experience**

Haiku can also explore the complexities of the human experience. The following haiku explore themes such as love, loss, and the human condition.

The heart aches with love  
Yearning for someone who's gone  
Tears fall like rain

- Buson

Loss is a heavy weight  
That crushes the soul and heart  
But hope remains

- Issa

The human condition  
Is one of both joy and pain  
But we learn from both

- Shiki

## **Love**

Love is a powerful emotion that can inspire great joy and happiness. The following haiku explore the different aspects of love, from the first blush of romance to the deep bonds of family.

The first time we met  
Our eyes locked and I knew  
I had found my love

- Issa

The love of a child  
Is a pure and precious gift  
That lasts a lifetime

- Basho

In the twilight's glow  
Two lovers walk hand in hand  
Love's eternal flame

- Shiki

## **Loss**

Loss is a part of life that we all must face. The following haiku explore the different aspects of loss, from the pain of grief to the hope of healing.

A loved one is gone  
The heart aches with emptiness  
Tears fall like rain

- Buson

The pain of loss fades  
With time, but the memory  
Remains forever

- Issa

In the darkest night  
Hope shines like a beacon light  
Guiding us through grief

- Shiki

## **Hope**

Hope is a powerful force that can help us overcome even the most difficult challenges. The following haiku explore the different aspects of hope, from the first glimmer of light to the realization of our dreams.

In the darkest night  
A single star shines bright  
Hope's eternal flame

- Buson

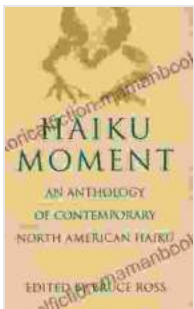
The first sign of spring  
A tiny bud on a tree  
Hope's gentle whisper

- Issa

With every step we take  
Our dreams draw closer still  
Hope's guiding light

- Shiki

We hope that you have enjoyed this anthology of contemporary North American haiku. These haiku offer a glimpse into the hearts and minds of some of the most talented poets of our time. We encourage you to read them slowly and thoughtfully, and to let their beauty and wisdom inspire you.



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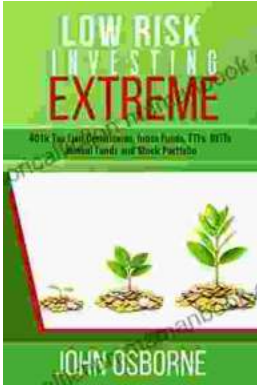
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