



The Haiku Reader
HSA Conference June 4-5 2022
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what is it? and Q&A

by Alan Summers

Abstract:

This 10 minute presentation is followed by an opportunity for 30 minutes of Q&A.

The Haiku Reader is both anthology and campaign aimed to grab readers around the world, and showcase haiku (and senryu) as an intriguing poetic and inclusive genre.

The anthology process is designed to be *immersive* and this Q&A experience is so that you can ask why this is different, what's meant by "immersive", and other questions.

This is not only to gain some answers, it's to consider a chance to steer and encourage others to be "a haiku reader".



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Submission details

The **Haiku Reader** anthology accepts nominations all the way through to 31st December 2022

The **Haiku Reader** email:
thehaikureader@gmail.com

You can nominate as many times as you like throughout 2022.

The anthology will feature haiku, hokku, and senryu (otherwise collectively called "haikai verses") published in journals, contests, posted on social media, first appeared in any other way, including haiku parks and other installation art, or even unpublished or never even seen before, from January 2022 to the last day of December of 2022.

01 Delicious haiku!

How to choose delicious haiku?

*The test of the haiku
is in the tasting!*

**Read, taste,
read, taste,
repeat,
digest!**





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How does it work?

When you nominate your own haikai verses, for the anthology, you need to do something extra special *each time*, this is by choosing haikai verses from other poets as well.

It's being both thankful and grateful for poems by others, that you discover along the way.

And by immersing and submerging ourselves with the poetic genre that we love, we find ourselves growing even more as poets, and readers!

02 Some of the best haiku are in three slices!



We begin to be tempted...



We are halfway to heaven...



We have visited heaven!



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HOW?!

For individual poets:

Each time you nominate
one of your own published
(or unpublished) haiku/senryu or hokku
you nominate six published haikai verses
by other poets (*or unpublished ones with
permission given*):

Three from a print journal
plus
three from online journals.

You can nominate as many of your own
haiku/senryu/hokku as you like, as
often as you like throughout 2022,
while nominating six haiku/senryu/
hokku by others each time that you
nominate one of your own.



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The Basics



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For journal editors:

From your print, or online, quarterly or triannual journal:

We'd love to receive 15 to 20 haiku/senryu or hokku nominations per issue.

For monthly published journals:

We'd love you to select up to 15 haikai verses each monthly issue.

For rolling submission journals:

We'd love you to select up to 10 to 15 haikai verses per calendar month.

Editors, we'd love you to nominate a haiku of your own too!!!

Include one of your own each time you nominate per issue, or calendar month.

And of course editors can nominate their own haiku separately as long as you choose six haiku or senryu from six other poets, from different print/online journals.





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Nominations from Competitions & Contests:

For successfully placed published haiku, hokku, or senryu from January 2022 to the very last day of December 2022.

Individual Poets:

Please submit your own placed haikai verses from a contest, and then nominate at least six other haikai verses from other poets from that contest, or other competitions.

To all Organisations

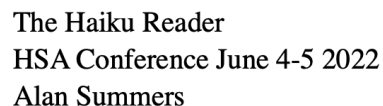
that run haiku, hokku (and senryu) competitions:

Feel free to submit **all placed haikai poems** per competition/contest result.

What is the nomination email address again?

“The Haiku Reader” <thehaikureader@gmail.com>





If the haikai verse is from a haibun, both haikai verse and prose need to have been published for the first time in 2022.

Only the haikai verse can be nominated as this is a purely haiku/senryu/hokku anthology.

Do please add the linked verse's title if you would like, alongside the rest of the publication details.

You can nominate as many haikai verses all through 2022 right up to the last day of December!

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Haiku and/or senryu can be nominated even if they appear within linked verse or sequences, shahai, haiga etc...

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You do not even need to be a haikai poet to nominate!

You do not even need to be a poet, or a writer, of any kind of genre, as you simply enjoy reading haiku because you are a HAIKU READER!

Or it might be that you are a poet in other genres, or a creative writer in other disciplines.

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Recipes for haiku

"Perhaps we have
a hundred senses,
and when we die
it's five that perish,
yet the other
ninety-five remain
alive."

Step by Step haiku





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If you are a haiku poet:

“Is it only my published haikai poems that I can nominate?”

You can nominate your own haiku (or senryu) or hokku that have either never been published, or even rejected many many times!

Do you take haiku or senryu posted on various social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, YouTube, WhatsApp etc...etc...?

Of course, if it's haiku, hokku, or senryu!

This is another opportunity to have the recognition that your haiku (hokku) or senryu deserves!

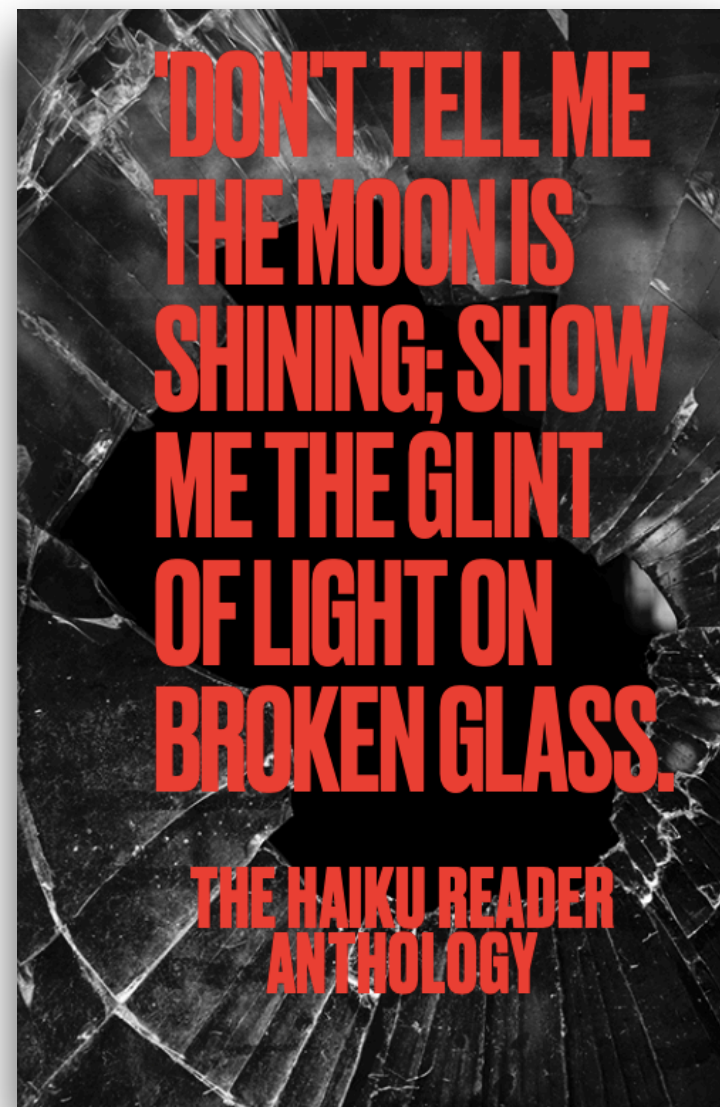
The haikai verses from other poets have to be either published, *or if unpublished* then nominated with their knowledge and permission.

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You do not need to be an expert,
an editor, or a widely published poet
to have fun reading haiku...

and choosing what you like...

and admire...

and learn from...

as well as ones that surprise
and delight you!

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There is no need to contact other poets who you have nominated.

Though if you so wish, you can always let the poets know!

After all, we are in this together!

It can be a wonderful feeling to discover we've been nominated by someone!

When a final shortlist is made from all the haiku, hokku (and senryu) nominations then the anthology poets will be contacted for permissions.

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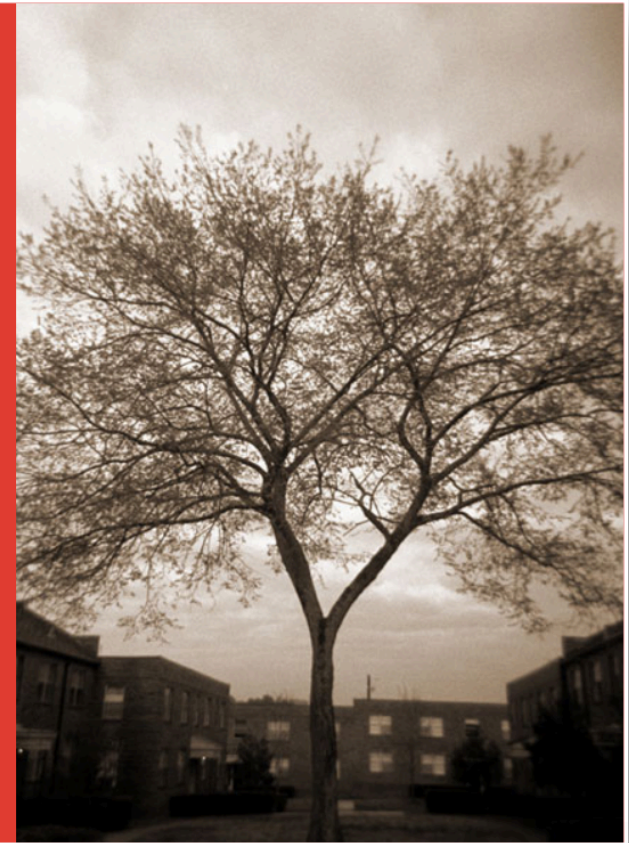
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The Haiku Reader event

All 2022
12am to 12am!

Location:
The whole planet!





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There will now be a question and answer session.

I am sure there will be lots of questions, and I hope excitement too!

The anthology will evolve:

It will grow under your enthusiasm as you discover haiku (hokku & senryu) that you might not have read until ...

“The Haiku Reader Nomination Challenge Effect”!

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Over to you!

