EarthRise Rolling Haiku Collaboration
2015

The Year of Light

Seed Poem:

will anyone
not be taking up his pen?
tonight’s moon
— Onitsura (1660 – 1723) (translation J. Kacian)
Poems appear in order posted. Poems in response to poems other than the seed poem appear below and to the right of the inspiring poem.

the morning
begins with light
God has hope
	Pat Kopanda

Owner of a small store in Walnut Creek, Ca. named MING QUONG which means, RADIANT LIGHT. Your theme interested me. Ming Quong is named after the Chinese girl's orphanage where I was raised in Los Gatos, Ca. ———— Here’s are my haiku.

Ming Quong
in all it’s glory
shining forth with light

the light within
shines not only for us – but for humanity

radiant light
with all it’s rays
may ours glow
	Nona Mock Wyman

singing bowl . . .
the time it takes
to hold the moon
	Sonam Chhoki Bhutan
Poetry day’s sunrise –
Clasp the hands and know the thoughts
of men in other lands
    Jo(sette) Pellet (ch)

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early spring light
the wind-chime livelier
than before
    Bruce Ross Maine, USA

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dawn chorus
the night shift spills out
into the street
    Stella Pierides Germany

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prison lockdown
an elusive
spring moon
    Johnny Baranski

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dim porch light
the white moth scribbles
a death poem
    Sondra Byrnes (Acorn, Spring 2015)

    nightlight batting of moth wings against my dreams
    Marion Clarke UK
crack of dawn
taking a shot at
a selfie
    Stella Pierides

    student party –
    everyone leaves to study
    the sunrise
    Marion Clarke UK

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first light
a newborn
opens her eyes
    Barbara Kaufmann

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early dawn –
millions of stars
in dark
    Pravat Kumar Padhy India

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I hear the nuns
roaring over Seinfeld’s
show about nothing
    Marilyn Potter

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an old banyan tree
with myriad crutches
    Kala Ramesh India
once a month
the river of moonlight
across the water

Priscilla Van Valkenburgh

sunlit lough
this desire to walk
on water

Marion Clarke UK

river of stars
long green bamboo pole
fishing for dreams

Charlie Smith (Mainichi Daily News 17 July 2009)

illumination-
on the poetry day writing with
a white crane feather

Vasile Moldovan Croatia

sunrise. . .
my poem on the wings
of cormorants

Carole MacRury

country roads
reflections of light
from new steel roofs

Ellen Grace Olinger
glacial peak. . .
the shifting shades
of sunrise
   Carole MacRury

   the grey heron’s wingspan sunrise clouds
   Polona Oblak Slovenia

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lightening sky
cutting through the mist
an oarsplash
   Shrikaanth Krishnamurthy Birmingham, UK

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a beacon
far off…
native home
   Vasile Moldovan Croatia

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afternoon sun
her open book slips
to the floor
   Sondra Byrnes
Auschwitz –
blackbird’s beak of sun
pecks the ice
   Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

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a break through dark cloud
in the eastern quadrant …
blackbird call
   Rodney Williams UK

   mountain tunnel
   the sun guards
   both the ends
   Ajaya Mahala India

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celebrate ‘Light’ year
everyday – everywhere
shine your light
   Nona Mock Wyman

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breaking dawn-
i wake to a chorus
of native birds
   Jennifer Sutherland UK
sun dog
a scoop of ice cream
for the house guest
Polona Oblak Slovenia

rising moon
purplish pink sunset
a la mode
Charlie Smith (Asahi Shimbun 19 April 2011)

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singing bowl . . .
the time it takes
to hold the moon
Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

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green dawn
the stone dragon
spreads her wings
Patrick Sweeney Japan

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sunlight on the lough rising with this seagull
Marion Clarke UK
mountain shrine
Buddha of Boundless Light
in solar eclipse
   Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

silver sliver sunlit lough
   Marion Clarke UK

skylight cobalt blue crow caws
   Marion Clarke UK

sky burial
circling lammergeiers
darken the sun
   Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

patient lammergeyers
in the cleaver’s sound
blocked sunlight
   Martin Gottlieb Cohen

sun moon faced up & about
   Joseph Salvatore Aversano Turkey
aquarium light
neon tetras
cruise the tank
Simon Hanson Australia

full moon plunge roar of waterfall
Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

first bear
a patch of snowdrops
gathering sun
Billie Wilson

spring window
a butterfly wants to
follow the morning light
Vibeke Laier Denmark

moonlit paper-
my words join their
pencil shadows
Angelee Deodhar India

floating
on its way to light
... a moth’s wing
Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria
light flickering
among the paperbarks
the missing mare
   Lorin Ford Australia

   on a bare twig rain beads what light there is
   Lorin Ford Australia (Shamrock Haiku Journal 3)

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sun shower a twig settles in the cloud
   Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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conch shell
the colour
of EarthRise dawn
   Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

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equinox sun
how rhododendrons compete
with monal pheasants
   Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

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lights out —
shadows on the street
divining stars
   Hansha Teki New Zealand
highrise
every moon
softened by mist
    Simon Hanson Australia


slipping in
beneath the kitchen door
—first sunlight
    Kala Ramesh India

daybreak —
I offer a handful of water
to the rising sun
    Kumarendra Mallick India


maybe love
casts a different light—
bare branches
    Sondra Byrnes

red ember
silhouettes gently sway
moon shadows
    Charlie Smith (Asahi Shimbun 16 October 2009)


pastel sunrise. . .
softening the morning
headlines
    Liz Ann Winkler
morning prayers
the rising sun between
my hands
   Kala Ramesh India

temple bell
   to hell with morning prayers
i’m off to work
   Ernie Berry New Zealand

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morning rush
a dewdrop dangles
the sun
   Kala Ramesh India

airport garden
no landing of bees
after the sunset
   Ajaya Mahala India

dazzling dew—
our moments
of darkness
   Ajaya Mahala India

on the lawn dawn tears glisten
   Tim Gardiner UK
Sun rise radiates
through a dew drop on the limb
a prism rainbow
   Joy Acey

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late love–
borrowed light
from the moon
   Sondra Byrnes

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this dawn moon rises
waning, torn paper lantern
to light day’s first steps
   Antonia Matthew

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erly dawn–
I learn to muse with
the sound of broom
   Pravat Kumar Padhy India

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crowing cocks reach the morning sun
   Pravat Kumar Padhy India
in silence
the blessing
of a falling star
   Gregory Longenecker

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prison lockdown
an elusive
spring moon
   Johnny Baranski

closed doors
alas! the sun does not travel
with lock picks
   Ajaya Mahala India

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razor’s edge —
the sun bleeds
in severn colours
   Kumarendra Mallick India

road-widening
no new lane added
to the rainbow
   Ajaya Mahala India

sun-worshippers—
beyond all our faith
a cloudless sky
   Ajaya Mahala India
robin birds—
rising sun in my
morning dream

Pravat Kumar Padhy India

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in light of
wild violets…
nightcap

Stella Pierides Germany

ruddy glow
rising orange moon
empty glass

Charlie Smith (Asahi Shimbun 29 October 2010)

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silently
closing the front door
cold brass

Haley Jones Australia

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brush strokes…
leaf by leaf
the rising sun

Samar Ghose India

five minute sunset
one hour to eliminate
similar clicks

Ajaya Mahala India
after the fall frisson of artificial light
Stella Pierides Germany

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dawn light the whiteness of David
Samar Ghose India

studio lights-
the sequined masks
empty of actors
Angelee Deodhar India

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keeping quiet
the day’s last light
on new grass
Tom Clausen

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first sun
my window railings shift
to the opposite wall
Ajaya Mahala India

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Looking to the light
Stepping out of the shadows
Slaying the darkness
Carol Scott
stretching to the limit,
a gull winks at the ocean . . .
dangling light
   Sasa Vazic Serbia

distant cries
the light goes out
with the tide
   Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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glasshouse mountain
shards of light dissolve
into its misty peaks
   Cynthia Rowe Australia

roof holes
several eggs
on my floor
   Ajaya Mahala India

power outage-
a night of fireflies
and starlight
   Angelee Deodhar India
daybreak
the sky too
has its song

       June Rose Dowis

daybreak…
the birds sound like they are
glad to be alive

       Ed Bremson

Around the world.
A flock of haiku flying
toward the sunrise.

       Franklin Magalhaes Brazil

butterflies
with sunlit wings
a spring wind

       Keith A. Simmonds UK

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dawn snow
pink frosting
on cup cakes

       Simon Hanson Australia

the light
is so bright outside today
after the snow

       Ed Bremson

pink dawn airbrush tints bare twigs

       Maya Lyubenova
full moon glow
pale shadows on poem
half finished
Charlie Smith

writing haiku
by the light from
my neighbor’s window
Ed Bremson

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nearly here
leaving the dark sounds
Pacific light
Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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witching hour …
in a flash of lightning
the face of Buddha
Jayashree Maniyil India

summer shoes
dying light falls
on Gompa steps
Tim Gardiner UK

the darkness
pauses for a moment-
forked lightning
Geethanjali Rajan India
worm hole
the fading light
of a firefly
    Jayashree Maniyil India

    clouds of terrorism
    covering the horizon
    light in the tunnel
        Keith A. Simmonds UK

lovers’ lane
fireflies
just a memory
    Tim Gardiner UK

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single rain drops
sunrise without color
still the blackbird sings
    Dorothee Lang Germany

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from the geysers of Enceladus a spider pauses
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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witching hour …
in a flash of lightning
the face of Buddha
    Jayashree Maniyil India
tonight’s moon
the whiteness
of her hair
    Jayashree Maniyil India

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candles in my night-
small steps on the Lord footsteps
that’s the way to light
    Daniela Varvara

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Earthrise
the gold visor reflects
Orion
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen (d. f. tweney contributed to the writing of this haiku)

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slipping in
beneath the kitchen door
—first sunlight
    Kala Ramesh India

    pyramid—
    within me
    the shadow of my grief
    Ajaya Mahala India
single april rain drops
sunrise without color
still the blackbird sings
  Dorothee Lang Germany

the sun still sets
at the junction of the hills-
  Ajaya Mahala India

childhood paintbook

The sun discovers
ten thousand diamonds
in the wet grass
  Niels Kjaer Denmark

a koel’s song
streetlights switch off
one by one by one
  Angelee Deodhar India

sunflower country
seen the faces
of silhouettes?
  Ajaya Mahala India

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nearly here
leaving the night sounds
Pacific light
  Martin Gottlieb Cohen
full moon
a glowing taj mahal
on river Yamuna
    Kala Ramesh India

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sunrise
a line of sand
on the windowsill
    Bob Lucky Nigeria

    a waterfall
    pouring sunlight
    down the mountain
    Keith A. Simmonds UK

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seize the day…
too much of the sun
in my sprouts
    Seshu Chamarty India

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the stillness
passing through me
night sky*

*Except for photons, there are gamma rays, neutrinos, dark energy, and other unknown particles that you have to know how to see their light in the Quantum Electromagnetic soup…
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen
cloudlight –
but still the cicada
sings
Sandra Simpson, New Zealand

mountain lake
twilight fills the loon’s call
Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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morning prayers
the rising sun between
my hands
Kala Ramesh India

call to prayer –
the light of a single star
in your eyes
Sandra Simpson, New Zealand

symphony of light
throbbing on a waterfall…
aroma of dawn
Keith A. Simmonds UK

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Circumnavigation.
My Magellanic haiku
follows the daybreak.
Franklin Mahalhaed Brazil
morning rush
a dewdrop dangles
the sun

Kala Ramesh India Ambrosia Summer 2010

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sound asleep
the morning sun shines
on my poem

Greg Piko Australia

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in the length of a breath shooting star

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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new moon night…
the streak left behind
by a shooting star

Yesha Shah India

no moon tonight
instead, stars burn brighter
guiding lights

Tamara De Dominicis
Diwali night–
a lone lamp flickers
by his framed photo
    Yesha Shah India

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receding wave…
crab holes breathe
the milky way
    Kala Ramesh India

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window sill
spring moonlight gathers
on the dust
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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ghost moon…
the clickety-click
of a poem
    Shloka Shankar India

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Grey light and birds’ song
Raindrops on my window pane
Faraway rainbow.
    Charlotte Olden-Jørgensen Denmark
darkness visible a firefly burns itself out
Shloka Shankar India

gentle warm rain  
stone lantern moss  
hides firefly’s glow  
Charlie Smith *(Mainichi Daily News 15 October 2008)*

throne of freedom…
a bright light flickers
at the crack of dawn  
Keith A. Simmonds UK

triumph of light
over clouds of darkness
a flaming deya  
Keith A. Simmonds UK

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lingering dark
in the turtledove’s coo
the first rays  
Shrikaanth Krishnamurthy

predawn-
a cacophony of babblers
a cat at the waterbowl  
Angelee Deodhar India
first light
already a gull glides
the ocean
Rohini Gupta India

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afternoon sun
strands of white dog hair
glint on the floor
Cyndi Lloyd

sunset glow –
her chilled fingertips
in his hand
Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

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slow dawn
I am still writing
poems
Rohini Gupta India

silent night only the string lights Morse coding
Ramesh Azhvan India

dawn light
the birth of a haiku
on my notebook
Billy Antonio
At the horizon
sunlight springs with the dolphin
from the Black Current

Greetings from Japan, where the sunshine and the Kuroshio
(Black Current in the ocean), flows from the East China Sea past
Kagoshima and on to the Pacific Ocean.
   David McMurray Japan

   Dolphin Bay
dawn and volcano
both erupt
   Charlie Smith

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sunrise…
a sip of spring water
from cupped hands
   Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

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reddening sky…
a radish vendor’s smile
on my face
   Sasa Vazic Serbia

   a yellow leaf
stumbles into the river…
the moon quivers
   Keith A. Simmonds UK
sunrise at the creek:
from dark blue to azure
on monitor screen
   Ferenc Bakos Hungary

   serene lake
   ripples brocade
   the sun rays
   Ajaya Mahala India

   moonlit beach…
   only the slap and lisp
   of waves
   Grace Galton UK

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bare bones of the radiographer’s tale
   Stella Pierides Germany

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Pale grey light scratches
At the edges of night, dreams
Of more sleep over.
   Helen Knight

sunrise swallowed by fog —
shadowless woods
a waking dream
   JS Graustein
Bright square patch of sun  
Slides slowly across the wall.  
Summer shining in.  

    Helen Knight

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Haiku Poetry Day  
at dawn  
light from light  

    Vasile Moldovan Croatia

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Soft shadows tickle  
The terrace, sun dimly  
Dapples through Spring leaf growth.  

    Helen Knight

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twilight  
my child stretches  
the end of play  

    Ramesh Anand India

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shooting star…  
too many things  
to wish for  

    Shloka Shankar India
spring offering
heat haze
of butter lamps
Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

lake tide
a duckling returns
to the moonlight
Ramesh Anand India

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first light
last night’s rain
cupped in a mushroom
Ramesh Anand India

after the rain
fallen camelia
in the moonlight
Charlie Smith (Mainichi Daily News 7 September 2007)

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the sunflower faces the sun rises
Kala Ramesh India

love dance birds ignoring the sunrise
Iliyana

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morning tea
the sky dissolves
into sunrise
Kasturi Jadhav India
the sun behind me
a new sun, I walk westwards
I tread on shadows
Martin Esposito

daybreak…
on the beach just me
and the morning star
Grace Galton UK

daybreak
a grain of the beach sand
carries the sun
Ajaya Mahala India

morning tea
the sky dissolves
into sunrise
Kasturi Jadhav India

twilight
on the village pond
a flurry of white wings
Grace Galton UK

daybreak . . .
seagulls on the lough
replacing stars
Marion Clarke UK

light of peace…
a radiant river
in ripples
Keith A. Simmonds UK
light smashes
through the window blind
birdsong
    Alan Summers

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corn moon
the jackdaw shifts
its iris
    Alan Summers *Asahi Shimbun* (Japan, International Haiku Day 17 April 2015)

    from geysers of Enceladus a spider pauses
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen

    salt marsh
sunlight flecks the egret
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen (*tinywords* 27 May 2008)

    a red butterfly
quivers on a hibiscus…
shimmering dawn
    Keith A. Simmonds UK

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    full glow
of a Venice sunset –
Murano glass bowl
    Sonam Chhoki Bhutan
blood moon…
the twitching ears
of a roe deer
Grace Galton UK

shimmering sunlight…
a dark cloud opening
in the silent sky
Keith A. Simmonds UK

blood moon
only a mosquito bite
on my neck
Tim Gardiner UK

noon
I search Vitamin D
on my skin
Ajaya Mahala India

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o'er mountains peak
halo rises in the east
the new day
Craig Lincoln

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bounty of radiance
the constant source awaits
planet rotation
Steve
A yard of cat stretched  
In the warmest Spring spot, ups  
And moves when clouds come.  
    Helen Knight

    in this labyrinth  
    of violence and fear  
    a tiny light burns  
    Keith A. Simmonds UK

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In candle light  
a dinner for two –  
me and my shadow  
    Sandra Martyres

new city  
the sun rises  
where it should have set  
    Ajaya Mahala India

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MyPlaceSlowlyTurningTowardsOurStar  
the blackbirds  
sense it too  
    johannes s. h. bjerg Denmark

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hands full of light with no effort  
    johannes s. h. bjerg Denmark
Surya Namaskar as much as I can
johannes s. h. bjerg Denmark

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black holes
the last light
loses it’s grip
Samar Ghose India

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dawn light the whiteness of David
Samar Ghose

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a halo of light
around the pigeon’s wings –
desert heat
Sandra Simpson (written in Qatar)

desert heat…
desert heated
by a deserted heat
Willie Bongcaron Phillippines

midday heat—
a dove’s shadow etched
in the church step
Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria
first light
the third shift
heads home
  Michael Henry Lee

icy twilight warmed by the glow from home
  Marion Clarke UK

  on this mountain
  Gazing at stars
  Twilight
  Bernadette O’Reilly Ireland

glow from home
…the left hand
clasping the right
  Willie Bongcaron Phillipines

a lantern
over the village…
full moon
  Keith A. Simmonds UK

  full moon
  happy moments dipped
  in sunsets
  Willie Bongcaron Phillipines

  cinnamon sunset
  loading more colour
  onto my brush
  Marion Clarke UK
brush strokes. . .
leaf by leaf
the rising sun
    Sasmar Ghose India

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painting the night
with fairies
a ray of light
    Vibeke Laier Denmark

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sunspots
I paint the moon
brighter than the moon
    Samar Ghose India

echoes of light
piercing the dawn colours
tremors of silence
    Keith A. Simmonds UK ( Mainichi Daily News: Haiku in English, December 6, 2012 )

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The Sun’s blood
dyes the darkening sky’s silk
with crimson glow.
    Anna Földeáki-Horváth (Budapest) Hungary
the sun
comes up
improvising
    John Stevenson

sunrise . . .
an extra daub
of vermillion
    Marion Clarke UK

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heat lightning
a fox
in the blink of an eye
    Michael Henry Lee

a gown of white . .
moonlight follows
the hills and valleys
    Sandi Pray

blink of an eye
the magician's trick melts
butter in the sun
    Willie Bongcaron Philippines

butter in the sun
her last guests leave
the breakfast table
    Marion Clarke UK

breakfast table
the sunlight spots
the crumbs
    Cyndi Lloyd
rolling hill
the crickets’ chirps drown
her starlight
Willie Bongcaron Phillipines

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first light what’s not to believe
Michael Henry Lee

my dried-out pen
dents the paper
prayer
Peg Duthie

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Milky Way-
even the dead stars
light up my path
Kashinath Karmakar India

shining under sun
his bicycle bell
and bald head
Ajaya Mahala India

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solar eclipse
the diamond ring
soon disappears
Tim Gardiner
daybreak
floor striped in sunlight—
darkness gone
  Mary Kendall

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april morning
the reach of seedlings
toward the sun
  Robyn Hood Black

warm beckoning kiss
constantly generous star
mother of all life
  Leela

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moon illusion
she disappears
with the sunrise
  Tim Gardiner

westward journey
rolling over its own shadow
my car
  Ajaya Mahala India

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bingo lights
we count meteors
over the pier
  Tim Gardiner
absence of clouds
the stranger grins
into his phone
    Michele L. Harvey

so much to say
and you are gone-
twilight sky
    Kashinath Karmakar India

    sunset point
    the last bout of the cloud
    on the sun
    Ajaya Mahala India

    between two arms
    of the Y-shaped branch
    the morning sun
    Ajaya Mahala India

    Evening star- even the birds now silent
    Angelee Deodhar India

    little-leaguer
    the evening star lands
    on the lawn
    Ernie Berry New Zealand

    a streak of light…
    my cat alarm clock
    goes off
    Diane Mayr
gray dawn
and the piping song
of a Carolina wren
Bill Waters

cloudy sunrise
my haiku struggles
with the light
Iliyana

Dancing shadows on
children’s exhausted faces –
campfire dies down.
Anna Földeaki-Horvath (Budapest)

first light–
suitcases huddle
by the tour bus
Barbara Hay

in the shadow
of the mountain
...the still dark...the silent
Samar Ghose India

fog-shrouded dawn the comfort of cooing doves
Barbara Kaufmann
his spoon
hits the water
sunlight
    Dave Read, Canada

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matins
that much closer to sunrise
a treetop starling
    Barbara Kaufmann

    redbreast clouds dawn pays the piper
    Claire Everett UK

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first light
the toddler runs from
his shadow
    Dave Read, Canada

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a blue bottle rolls
in the wind
all the things
that wait for us
    Dorothee Lang, Germany

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malgraŭ la nuboj kaj minaca ĉielo... la sun’ revenos #hajko #esperanto
in spite of the clouds and threatening sky... the sun will return #haiku
    Steven D. Brewer
sunrise clouds
red and yellow fossil soils
streak the Badlands

Chad Lee Robinson *muttering thunder:
an annual of fine haiku & art*

morning fog
the sober glow
of street lights

Ben Moeller-Gaa

cry of seagulls
morning moon low in the sky
transparent

Ulrike Narwani Canada

subtle morning skies
sweep of light across the ridge
dawn wakes to thunder

Kathleen Everett

in the window the black cat breaking dawn

Beverly Acuff Momoi
jogging
up a wet-sun hill
hooked on light

Ulrike Narwani Canada

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patient lammergeyers
in the cleaver’s sound
blocked sunlight

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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water
in a water glass
three rippling suns

Ulrike Narwani Canada

rippling sun
heat wave upon heat wave
of pain

Willie Bongcaron Philippines

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tonight’s moon
a glint in the eyes
of the lammergeyer

Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

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EarthRise –
prayer flags flutter towards
sun-lit peaks

Sonam Chhoki Bhutan
late night bus  
the windows lit  
with smartphones  
Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

sunlight  
through prisms;  
dancing rainbows  
Cheryl Ashley

coloring in the dark shapes early dawn  
Beverly Acuff Momoi

poems  
illuminating the page  
another dawn  
kjmunro Whitehorse, YT, Canada

midnight vigil…  
the light coming on  
one candle at a time  
Rebecca Drouilhet

Syrupy drawl –  
the red sunset  
minutes away.  
Ernesto P. Santiago, Philippines
Birds sing at dawn
sun rises again
darkest night fades.

Jane Tokunaga

sunrise over rocks
shadows in the shallow bay –
a day is dying

Tim Gardiner UK Poetry Nook 2)

moonlight
slides on the edges
of a broken glass

Gabriel Sawicki

walk therapy
he puts his prosthetic foot
on the moon

Gabriel Sawicki

daybreak…
the nightwatchman’s
empty thermos

Michele L. Harvey

herring clouds…
the fisherman’s net
heavy with light

Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria 17th Kusamakura Haiku Contest
darkness in our soul
Lucifer means the light-bringing –
light is the knowledge
   Judith Vihar Hungary

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a flicker of light
from my pen to yours
rising sun
   Peggy Bilbro

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night fades
into another dawn
the bruise
   kjmunro Whitehorse, YT, Canada

    two bright stars
    in the pre-dawn sky:
    the hum of traffic
    Keith A. Simmonds UK

* 

dull day falling asleep without wishing
   Ernesto P. Santiago Philippines

* 

There was a whisper
A distant winter caller
Lost in the darkness
   Joseph G.
day moon
my pen in violet ink
a wren flutes

Carole Johnston

day moon…
a seagull over
frosted litter

Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

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in the hallways
of the cruise ships
light that never fades

Garry Eaton Canada

*

Sunlight shines
on deserted Auschwitz
Six million souls suspended

Cheryl Ashley

water stretches
a running sun hides
under hyacinths

Ajaya Mahala India

*

Bright lights and A/C
Sunshine calling through glass windows
Work demanding time

Yanz, Trinidad & Tobago
spring lightning!  
the rain drop gleam  
of a dimple  
Dennis Holmes

Light years away  
The white butterfly flies through  
The cage of baboons  
Zinovy Vayman

maize leaves  
ribbons of sunlight  
after the rain  
Ajaya Mahala India

Milky white visage  
Compliments the winter sky  
Pleasure to my eyes  
Joseph G.

withered field…,  
gusts of north wind  
shake the stars  
Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

darkness in our soul  
Lucifer means the light-bringing –  
light is the knowledge  
Judit Vihar hungary
I lived in darkness
But now the green of your eyes
Illuminates me.
    Joseph G.

* 

nude beach
lingering
sunset
    Johnny Baranski

* 

a flicker of light
from my pen to yours
rising sun
    Peggy Bilbro

* 

ghost story
a shape beyond the flames
comes towards us
    John McManus UK

* 

Valentine day—
between you and me
a thin moonlight
    Pravat Kumar Padhy India  A Hundred Gourds 1:1
first light—
the market stall
wet with dew

Michael Dylan Welch

ripe tomatoes
the stall owner wipes
away a tear

Lynne Rees UK

spreading light
a crow let’s go
of it’s first caw

Samar Ghose India

Morning comes with dawn
The moon’s mystery undone
Lights bleeds from the sun

Joseph G.

window painting
moon close to her shyness
veiled in curtain

Pravat Kumar Padhy India Simply Haiku 9.3&4

dim morning light
the taped sound of rain
still playing

Abigail Friedman
cloudy sky…
the crow caws out
a sunbeam
    Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

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touching her hair…
the softness
of starlight
    Grace Galton UK

motherless
in the pool of tears
a distant star
    Ajaya Mahala India

LED
\ in the blue light
her serene face
    Ajaya Mahala India

afternoon-
the cascading shadows
of the hills
    Ajaya Mahala India

village airport
the portly man waits
for the hills to land
    Ernie Berry New Zealand
moon light
through the slatted blinds
stories of childhood
   Lynne Rees UK

almost dawn –
the light molds a face
in the mud
   Maya Lyubenova, Bulgaria Under the Basho 2014

moonbeams
through thin clouds –
the bride whispers
   Maya Lyubenova Sketchbook: a Journal for Eastern and Western Short Forms

sunset at the creek:
fading colours in the gale
on monitor screen
   Ferenc Bakos Hungary

wandering tonight
gazing at the distant moon —
my friend in Thailand
   JM Reinbold

Neil Armstrong–
baby’s maiden walk
on bright moon day
   Pravat Kumar Padhy India Commendation Award, The Kloštar Ivanić International Haiku Competition, 2014
twilight
between clouds
a sprinkle of stars
Grace Galton UK

twilight
the yawnings fill
the hiatus
Ajaya Mahala India

daybreak…
on the beach just me
and the morning star
Grace Galton UK

moonbeams
shadows rising
from the forest floor
Grace Galton UK

cocoanut grove
the shadows glide
on the shadows
Ajaya Mahala India

blood moon…
the twitching ears
of a roe deer
Grace Galton UK
fractals emerge
in a kaleidoscope –
first light
   Geethanjali Rajan Chennai, India

*  

first light . . .
rubbing a patchwork
of dreams from my eyes
   Grace Galton UK

*  

she gets up and
dances
with the drops of light
   Leena Rautio Finland

*  

tonight’s moon
in the bare poplars
strobes of light
   Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

*  

reply to Onitsura:
will anyone
not be laying aside his lyre?
tonight’s gale
   Ferenc Bakos Hungary
dusk…
the sliding scale
of a hermit thrush
   Michele L. Harvey

* 

hopscotch moon
strewn here to there
globe flowers
   Betty Shropshire

* 

gocce di sole
ti innaffiano, cade
luce su luce
   Luna Venturi Italy

* 

I bought the sunset
From a man who laughed at me
Now he begs to watch
   Robert Rhodes

* 

Like a spider I'm
Here weaving a wordy web
Catching morning light
   Robert Rhodes
Balanced on life’s wire
We are allowed one mistake
And the chance to fly
   Robert Rhodes

* 

daybreak
noticeable increase
time to shed your skin
   Mona Larsen Denmark

* 

April morning…
the sneeze of an old cat
curled in the sun
   S. E. Buffington

* 

child’s drawing–
a flare leaves
the other corners empty
   Dru Philippou

* 

baby steps…
sunlight slides
on the IV tubes
   Arvinder Kaur India
at dusk connecting
to the grandmother Moon –
porch lights off
          Djurdja Vukelic Rozic Croatia

          *

sunset…
our wish lamp floats
far into the Ganga
          Arvinder Kaur India

          *

cloudless
a river stone
gathering turtles
          Christopher Patchel

          *

ceasefire–
a soldier comes home
wrapped in moonlight
          Arvinder Kaur India

          *

the May
connecting to
White Night
          Gennady Nov Russia
last prayers–
we wrap sunbeams
in a white sheet
    Arvinder Kaur India

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dripping
from the tip of an icicle
    m
    o
    o
    n
    l
    i
    g
    h
    t
    Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

    river moon
    humming you a tune
    tonight
    Willie Bongcaron Philippines

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pruned grape vine-
so much light
in a single drop
    Stjepan Rozic Croatia
unfinished poem
the shadow of a peppered moth
on my ceiling
        Cristina-Monica Moldoveanu Romania

*            

silent pebbles –
light from the lanterns streches
to the open sea
        Ljudmila Milena Mrsic Croatia

*            

a playful light
animated the butterflies
on the tapestry
        Vesna Stipcic Croatia

*            

the eye of moon
directing its attention
to me
        Dubravko Korbus Croatia

        seventh day
the blood moon
foreboding
        Willie Bongcaron Philippines
the moon at noon
lowtide at the bay
a moonstone pebble
   Gary Gach

moonlight on the pavement a silver coin
   Marisa Fazio Australia

   the only coin
   in my pocket…
   tramp’s moon
   Maya Lyubernova Bulgaria

on the horizon
together they blossom
the sun and the cherry
   Izeta Radetinac Croatia

rainbow on the wall
the framework overly
small
   Gergana Yaninska Bulgaria A Hundred Gourds 4:2

a clear night –
the full moon glistening
in a glass of wine
   Zlata Bogovic Croatia
my father's chair
rocking the shine
of the moonlight
Bozena Zernec Croatia

* all of those pens sickle moon
Anna Maris Sweden

* beachside popcorn stand
a boy pulling seagulls
from the sky
Steve Hodge

* waning crescent
the face of my mother
fading away
Sheila Windsor UK

* Morning comes with dawn
The moon's mystery undone
Lights bleeds from the sun
Joseph G.
I lived in darkness
But now the green of your eyes
Illuminates me.
   Joseph G.

*  

Milky white visage
Compliments the winter sky
Pleasure to my eyes
   Joseph G.

*  

stone by stone across the river sunrise
   Sheila Windsor UK

going home…
from puddle to puddle
the sun
   Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

cloud to cloud. . .
a spot of sunlight
on the old house
   Carole MacRury

the old house
of pleasant memories
from dusk to dawn
   Willie Bongcaron Philippines
collared dove morning turns one shade of grey
Polona Oblak Slovenia

*dawn again–
parts of us unscathed
from war mongering
Alegria Imperial Philippines A Hundred Gourds September 2014

*after downpour
the moonlight flows
down the street
Dusko Matas Croatia

*Overcast day.
Only the clock is knowing
about noon.
Franklin Magalhaes Brazil

*rustling risiris
the leaves on watch agan-aningas dagiti bul-bulong
for rumored dawn iti nasao nga bannawag
Alegria Imperial Philippines bilingual in English / Iluko
(one of 4 major languages in 87 dialects of the Philippines)
Overcast day.  
Only the clock is knowing  
about noon.  
    Franklin Magalhaes Brazil

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low fog  
dances atop the river  
lucent morning  
    Kathy Fulton

* 

sunbeam…  
spider silk supports  
the leaning trunk  
    Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria Under the Basho 2014

* 

moonrise…  
I stir my reflection  
on the pond  
    Alegria Imperial Philippines

    sunlit puddle  
the monkey’s reflection stares  
at me  
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen
black horse
it’s mane inhaling
the moonlight
Ljobotomir Radovancevic Croatia
A Little World Anthology of Haiku Poetry
About Horse, Diogen pro cultura, 2013.

the sparkles
in a stallion’s mane . . .
chestnut moon
Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria Simply Haiku

sunlight
between its ears
horsefly
Martin Gottlieb Cohen

crepuscular rays
a Lipizzan foal
begins to suckle
Polona Oblak Slovenia The Heron’s Nest XIV.4

embrace the trees
the light takes a stroll
down a mountain path
Zeljko Spoljar Croatia

*  
cat on the neighbour’s roof,
who lights your dreams?
Sheila Windsor UK
a flash of lightning
on a bare tree's top a nest
just for a moment

Zeljka Vucinic Jambresic Croatia Third Prize
The 13th International Kusamakura Haiku Competition, 2008

the storm –
a lighthouse beam
probing the darkness

Dimitrij Skrk Croatia

moonless night
algae glow in the bow wave

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

Full moon flares the sun
light's glare to cornered shadows
all secrets alight.

Anne Marie Anthony

from her dark hip the moon's curve

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

candescent moon …
buddha dripping
liquid light

Pamela A. Babusci
oceans apart...  
we write by moonlight  
and sunlight  
Carole MacRury

Soft starlight shining  
Across the skies between us,  
My tiny lamp glows.  
Roxana

*  
There was a whisper  
A distant winter caller  
Lost in the darkness  
Joseph G.

*  
riding the sway-backed barn setting sun  
Debbie Strange Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Frogpond 37:3)

*  
a dragon kite  
carries the sun  
in its mouth  
Debbie Strange Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Tinywords 15.1)

*  
awaken  
without alarm,  
Spring light  
Donna Fleischer
moonglow . . .
a thousand jellyfish
in an ocean of sky
Debbie Strange Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada *(cattails 1.1)*

sun returns
to the intihuatana–
a lost city found
Scott Mason (Frogpond)

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springlight –
a quince in a wink
on the tree
Donna Fleischer

* 

sunlight
on green leaves
for breakfast
Patricia Donegan

* 

TV pixels
break apart
first snow storm
Cyndi Lloyd
dim lights
in a dead of night-
childbirth in progress
    Marija Andjela Pogorilic Croatia

    newborn child
    first encounter
    with light
    Tamara De Dominicis

    *

this bright morning
haiku history abounds
the ‘light’ surrounds us
congratulations
glorious undertaking
the haiku way
around the world
poets unite for ‘the light’
within our souls…
    Nona Mock Wyman

    *

all of us on a strand the sun shines on
    Mark Harris

    *

exquisite
profound with an
ancient saying
    nona mock wyman
drinking straw
the moonbeam reaches
edge of the window

Ajaya Mahala India

Highway 55
a glimpse of sun-lit peaks
each hairpin bend

Sonam Chhoki Bhutan (Highway 55: Darjeeling, India)

roadside museum
above the curator's crew-cut
flat top mountain

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

sudden breeze
shimmer of magnolia blooms
in the last light

Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

Light of firework
as bright as the first page of
the new calendar

Marcell Domonkos Hungary

shining bright
in the gloaming
new laptop's keys

Philip Noble UK
light wind in the chimney
embers pulse
black and orange
Sonam Chhoki Bhutan

light and shadows
a never ending painting
when I wake
Hugo Alrøe Denmark

painting
the sky peach
dawn
Tamara De Dominicis

red sky
a sandpiper pecks
the foam
Martin Gottlieb Cohen

Spring-moon cupped
by the bull-elk's antlers–
pearl in a bracket of horn
Kim Welliver

300 years old
this light from another
poet's pen
Pat Nelson
dog days
my son paints
red suns

Gergana Yaninska  Bulgaria  Brass Bell 08.2014

Rooster’s crest so proud
but the rising sun’s red light
is more beautiful

Marcell Domonkos Hungary

midday heat
the grasshopper jumps
off his shadow

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morning light
the prairie dog stretches
his shadow

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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the fog takes form
as the day breaks

haiku poet

Hugo Alrøe Denmark

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sun strokes the paint peeling away borders

Betty Shropshire
dawn meditation
filling empty spaces
with river song
Caroline Skanne

each new dawn
fire in her eyes
Tim Gardiner UK

lifting …
the veil of dawn
impatient robin
Caroline Skanne

waking…
the robin’s spirit
within me
Tim Gardiner UK

when the robin sings a totem of dreams
Caroline Skanne

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across the blue dome of the great basin mustang’s eye
Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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a Year of Light dawns —
even the wet coffee grounds
glitter!
Tina Crenshaw
How bright the darkness
when once all was time’s shadow
Eternity, born
    Martin Shone

* 

moonrise
over the bike trail’s homestretch
    Christopher Patchel

* 

My poem
on the tip of the pen.
Eager by moonrise.
    Franklin Magalhaes Brazil

* 

nightjar dreaming
the dawn comes
just the same
    Tim Gardiner UK

* 

flashlight a few white iris
    Marilyn Appl Walker
a frog jumps in
intertextuality
for beginners
   Stella Pierides Germany

the frog jumps
scattering the moon’s reflection
in Basho’s pond
   Tamara De Dominicis

   sunlit pollen
   a frog jumps
   into the sneeze
   Martin Gottlieb Cohen

lost in translation
sparks form Basho’s moon
in the puddle
   Maya Lyubenova Bulgaria

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full moon
flickering in the ocean
a ball of sardines
   Margaret Rutley and Sidney Bending Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

below the shafts of light whale song
   Martin Gottlieb Cohen
the light of the lamp-
the shadow of a butterfly
running on the walls
under the blessed icon
just near the candle
a moth resting
between the moon
and the light of candle
a red geranium
in no time
her face is lighting=
poetry color
inner light-
this haiku poetry day
within our souls

Vasile Moldovan Croatia

*  
crossing the lake as waves sunlight

Dave Read, Canada

*

wild rose–
reflecting on the problem
of thorns

Stella Pierides Germany

shadows fold within shadows of the rose

Martin Gottlieb Cohen
reply to ‘seed’ poem
last night – moon hidden
but morning’s sun glorious
pen flowing…
   Nona Mock Wyman

* 

the cusp of the storm approaches sunflowers reaching for blue
   Pris Campbell

* 

dawn
dripping in rain
in silent retreat.
   Madhuri Pillai India

   first light the uneven path of a honeybee
   Martin Gottlieb Cohen

* 

it rained –
cherry in my garden
with much less light
   Djurdja Vukelic Rozic Croatia

   bamboo leaves glisten
   a breeze shakes and stirs the dew
   early morning rain
   Billy Antonio Honorable Mention
   13th Mainichi Daily Haiku Contest
dying summer light
the last dance
of ephemera
    Gregory Longenecker

    *

river reflection
he watches himself
watch the sunset
Alan Summers Publications credits: paper wasp 3:4); Haiku
Enlightenment, Gabriel Rosenstock Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2009);
Paper Wasp 20 .1

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after midnight –
under starless sky my dreams
en route to light
    Djurdja Vukelic Rozic Croatia

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On grassy lawn
shadow and light
play tag all day
    Nancy Olson

    *

it stretched
over the wall –
a candle light
    Branka Vojinovic Jegdic Croatia
MRI tomorrow
I listen to the light of
Huge-LQG
    Ralf Bröker Germany

through bleak branches
a white moon . . . on the snow
a shadow orchard
    Larry Kimmel * Haiku Headlines: December; 1995

oceans apart . . .
we write by moonlight
and sunlight
    Carole MacRury

Moonlight…
The autumn leaves
Shining
    Julia Guzman Argentina

into the dark
how your shadow becomes
footsteps
    Brendon Kent
moonlight on
your body near the window
can I not write about it?
   Frank Judge

* 

photons off matter
matter
love at first sight
   Larry Kimmel

dawn watch
as we hold hands
love at first light
   Billy Antonio

* 

day’s end... 
picking out faces
in the sunlit clouds
   Carole MacRury

sunlit clouds
a puppy’s dream
licking its tail
   Willie Bongcaron Philippines
sunrise dripping onto
your naked body
what are you dreaming?
   Frank Judge

art gallery. . .
the light in the landscape
rendered forever
   Liz Ann Winkler

Moonlight…
The autumn leaves
Shining
   Julia Guzman Argentina

The gray light
on gravestones this rainy day
such sadness
   Bryan Campbell

starlight
the cricket’s song
waiting to be heard
   Willie Bongcaron Philippines
light
at the end of the tunnel
his hospital exit
    Terry Ann Carter Canada

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tribal dance–
the moon steps with
everyone
    Pravat Kumar Padhy India Lakeview International Journal
    of Literature and Arts 1.2

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mountain sunset
above the shadows
the light
    Gregory Longenecker

* 

old lake–
I feel closeness
to full moon
    Pravadt Kumar Padhy India Iris Haiku Magazine: Award winning Haiku,
    UNESCO International Year of Water Co-operation, 2013

* 

chestnut moon–
birthday pudding makes
the baby smile
    Pravat Kumar Padhy India Cattails, May 2014
the way
light eases
into dawn
    Tom Clausen

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dawn...
at the empty crossroads
the signal blinks
    Tom Clausen

    railroad crossing
    marsh mud glistens
    in the rowboat
        Martin Gottlieb Cohen

* 

the way
the light bulb rests
in the rest of the trash
    Tom Clausen

* 

on the road...
even the daylight comes
and goes
    Tom Clausen

    morning mist
    even the road comes
    and goes
        Martin Gottlieb Cohen
autumn moonlight
folded in
the clothes on the floor
   Tom Clausen

your delicate face
in the late afternoon light
cherry blossoms
   Frank Judge

escape hatch
I peer into
a blank shell
   Betty Shropshire

journey’s end
out on the night’s edge
a robin still sings
   Billie Wilson

   marsh wren’s trill
   the sun ripples onto the mud
   Martin Gottlieb Cohen

light alight
the ash of words
ingasped
   Hansha Teki New Zealand
Early morning, new moon
Visiting yesterday’s light
In 377 moods and times
   Dorothee Lang Germany

* 

night match
giant bush moths
swirl in the lights
   Ron C. Moss Australia

* 

Window prism
the cat chasing colored light
on the wall
   Garry Gay

* 

let sun of new dawn
permeate into spirits;
dark ducks for cover
   Mohan Chutani, India

* 

light falls into
the horizon
the day ends
   Frank Judge
miraculous turn
of earth on it’s axis
light of a new day

Joyce Joslin Lorenson

Kodak museum
sounds of floor boards
in sunlight

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

it came and it fell
sunrise darkness heaven hell
five seven five tell

Joey Connolly

bamboo bloom
the flute notes floating
at dawn

Ernesto P. Santiago, Philippines

Bach fugue the backlit white blossoms of an apple tree

Martin Gottlieb Cohen

rusty sunset the last touch of apprehension

Ernesto P. Santiago, Philippines
Summer again…
a rooster crowing
his head off.
    Ernesto P. Santiago, Philippines

wind what song do you carry
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen

moonless night . . .
Tasmanian long-eared bats
in my car’s full beam
    Ron C. Moss Tasmania, Australia

    pipistrelles
    above a stubble field
    the moon’s cheshire grin
    Polona Oblak Slovenia A Hundred Gourds 3,2 (2014)

    bus stop
    between the twilit reeds
    marsh beetles
    Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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a flash of white
before the skylark
echoing hills
    Stella Pierides Germany
last light
inside
the fridge
  Michael Henry Lee

the fridge light burns out
full moon
  Martin Gottlieb Cohen

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moonlight –
the cat steps out
pianissimo
  Lorin Ford Australia (dedicated to the late John E. Carley, who hated cat poems, but had to admit that Christopher Smart’s ‘My Cat Jeoffry’ was brilliant)

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breaking dawn-
my cat leaves a mouse
on the doorstep
  Steve Wilkinson UK


City of Light
reflected in river’s ribbon
spring blossoms
  Frank Judge
“Define Blue Haiku”
Remember the day when you
Broke my heart in two?
   Kimmy Alan

* 

a few old hymns
at sunrise
my burden is light
   Ellen Grace Olinger

* 

Jonquil
on the hillside
a beacon
   Alexis Rotella

* 

night hush receding
crows calling this silver dawn
this naked pin oak
   Caren Stuart

* 

totem poles
add the moon
to their gaze
   Betty Shropshire
the first sun
on the last frost
not yet lilac season
  Kathy in the Wallowas

winter sun
my dog sunbathes
belly up
  Rosa Clement Brazil

rainy day
a spider builds its web
by the lamp
  Rosa Clement Brazil

new dawn
stirs new beginnings
promise
  Cheryl Lynn Roberts

  fading light
  a rainy spell takes
  quince petals

  spring light
  swallows are back today
  racing by my window
  Giselle Maya France
river flood
the moon hangs
in a tree top
Rosa Clement Brazil

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open window
a patch of sunlight shows
all the dust
Rosa Clement Brazil

* 

galaxies of light
in just the beach sand
your soft hands
Bryan Campbell

* 

kitten-gray clouds
ripple across
my sunset sky
Melanie Billings

* 

our boat
lists gently left
in the portside moon
Michael Henry Lee
opening before dawn…
the morning glories
on my fence
    Tomislav Maretic Croatia

* 

mid-day meal
my eyes are drawn
to the day-moon
    Mike Keville UK

* 

a moonshadow
to walk with
and talk to
    Christopher Patchel

* 

uniting us
around our vast planet
a thousand fires
    Jim Kacian

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Here ends the 2015 EarthRise Rolling Haiku Collaborative.