

HAIKU BY NEW ZEALAND POETS, PAST AND PRESENT

Selected by Sandra Simpson



harvest festival
a mouse watches
from a sheaf of corn

Honor Allingham (deceased)
New Zealand Haiku Anthology (NZ Poetry Society) 1993

dark waters
a swallow skims
its reflection

Bertus de Jonge (d 2001)
the taste of nashi (Windrift haiku group) 2008

all this way
in your letter
that cigarette smell

Jeanette Stace (1917–2006)
Second NZ Haiku Anthology (NZ Poetry Society) 1998

momentarily
on the rim of the tumbler—
miniature sun

Bernard Gadd (1935–2007)
Second NZ Haiku Anthology

catching the rainbow
on a floating thread . . .
a new-born spider

Ruth Dallas (1919–2008)
Second NZ Haiku Anthology

night sky
that part with no stars—
the mountain

Veronica Haughey (d 2008)
the taste of nashi

shadow dancing
the length of the wall
white butterfly

Elena Lindsay (1923–2012)
the taste of nashi

daylight saving ends—
an early recall
to the cancer clinic

Cyril Childs (1941–2012)
Beyond the Paper Lanterns (Paper Lantern Press) 2000

autumn removal
getting to know new neighbours
leaf by leaf

Barry Morrall (1944–2013)
Second NZ Haiku Anthology

teenage daughter
beyond the policeman at the door
the street light

Helen Bascand (1929–2015)
the taste of nashi

mountain stream—
crossing it
stone by stone

John O'Connor (1949–2015)

Monday
pegging the wind
in our sheets

Greeba Brydges-Jones (1928–2015)
the taste of nashi

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long white cloud
on the horizon—
almost home

Julie Adamson

on the driveway
going somewhere—
ants

Lynn Tara Austin
4th place, New Zealand Poetry Society International Haiku
Contest, 2014

alcatraz manacles of kelp

Ernest J Berry
1st place, Robert Spiess Memorial Haiku Award, 2014

cloud drift
across the Kepler mountains . . .
a blowfly in the window

Margaret Beverland
scattered feathers (NZ Poetry Society) 2015

bush track
a stick many dogs
have fetched

Tony Beyer

twilight
a tui mimics
a tui

Nola Borrell,
1st place, Katikati Haiku Contest, 2006

nor'wester—
the speaker's chair
blows off the platform

Catherine Bullock

walking
with an oystercatcher
on our beach

Owen Bullock
Kokako 20, 2014

Curio Bay—
lovers embrace
on a stone log

Karen Peterson Butterworth
Kiwibaiku feature, *a fine line*, 2007

Pancake Rocks:
tourists stop
for breakfast

Tony Chad

there is only
the cricket
the autumn moon

Steven Clarkson
2nd place, *Autumn Moon* Haiku Contest, US, 2013

cloud drift
drought in every curve
of the mountain

Kirsten Cliff
Commended, New Zealand Poetry Society International
Haiku Contest, 2014

winter quilt
threads of conversation
between us

Anne Curran
Kernels online, August 2013

ancient rock art
basking in the sun
tuatara

Moira Cursey

driving behind a school bus
pupils signal
with their fingers

Eric Dodson
Kokako 9, 2008

Plovdiv's theatre
workers behind the scenes
collect laurel wreaths

Doc Drumheller
Kokako 22, 2015

fantail play
her laughter this morning

Cameron Elliot

fife notes . . .
dawn's ocean boom
fills Anzac cove

Jenny Fraser
Kokako 19, 2013

a fork in the path
my friend Aloma my friend Rodney

Laurice Gilbert
Highly Commended, NZ Poetry Society International Haiku
Contest, 2012

winter solstice
our shadows
inseparable

Harumi Hasegawa
Kokako 17, 2012

distant rain—
a grey column joins
sky to sea

Celia Hope
Kokako 20, 2014

windflower
the sun and moon
on a single stem

Norah Johnson
tinywords 15.2, 2015

beneath an umbrella
a dog
and the feet of a man

Benita Kape
Honourable Mention, Best of 2002 in Haiku in English,
Manichi Daily News, Japan

80th birthday
abseiling inside a wine glass
the tiny spider

Catherine Mair
still heading out (paper wasp) 2013

pine trees felled
a surprise mountain range
my new horizon

Shirley May
Tiny Gaps (NZ Poetry Society) 2006

my feet
finding their own slippers
in the dark

Mac Miller
Kokako 10, 2009

half-kneaded dough
my handprint
swells out

Catherine Moxham
take back our sky

blue sky before dawn
the moon
full of itself

Marion Moxham
Highly Commended, NZ Poetry Society International Haiku
Contest, 2013

peeling back the skin
three generations
bottle peaches

Sue Peachey
Kokako 23, 2015

climbing Motuara—
a saddleback darts
under my breath

Joanna Preston
Haiku NewZ showcase

this side of spring
an eruption
of buttercups

Penny Pruden
Kokako 22, 2015

through the mist—
a graveyard
of windmills

Jenny Pyatt

between road and bay the old forest one tree wide

Katherine Raine
1st place, NZPS International Haiku Competition
& Jeanette Stace Memorial Award, 2012

towering cumulus
a pukeko shakes out
its tail feathers

Elaine Riddell
1st place, *Kokako* Haiku Competition, 2013

under closed curtains end-of-day light

Aalix Roake
The Heron's Nest XVII: 2, 2015

dicing onion
tears hide
her tears

Dave Robertson
Highly Commended, NZ Poetry Society International Haiku
Contest, 2014

after the earthquake—
a blackbird returns
to the damaged chimney

Rosemary Scott
Kokako 17, 2012

planning her eulogy jars of carefully labelled seeds

Sandra Simpson
1st place, *Free XpresSion* Haiku Contest, 2015

aftershock
cherry blossoms
float down

Barbara Strang
Honourable Mention, Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival
Haiku Invitational, 2011

autumn leaves the tumble of a shining cuckoo's song

André Surridge
Kokako 21, 2014

making use
of the long drop . . .
falling leaves

Hansha Teki
Simply Haiku, Autumn 2011/Winter 2012

driving inland
the smell of the sea
still inside the car

Richard von Sturmer

bent stem—
the rose blooms
upside down

Helen Yong
Kokako 18, 2013

sunlight
out of the grass
a flit of yellowhammers

Karen Zelas
bravado 19, 2010

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