



Roadrunner Haiku Journal

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Welcome to the Roadrunner Haiku Journal. Roadrunner is a international quarterly online journal that publishes quality English-language haiku and senryu. We chose Roadrunner as the name for the journal because we want it to be at the forefront of haiku thought and practice with a regional flavor.

Jason Sanford Brown, Editor

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Special Features

This special feature section will highlight exceptional works or features that do not fit within Roadrunner's normal format of haiku/senryu.



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Haiku/Senryu

Michael Dylan Welch

hummingbird at the window
—my blink
startles it away

second trimester—
a package arrives
with baby clothes

blue water
blue sky
the breakup

a stack of unread books—
rain blows
against my lamp-lit window

cafeteria line—
the good-looking girl
looks at my plate

Ferris Gilli

washday moon
the cicada's husk
perching on a shirt

possum tracks
a crop of mushrooms
in the okra

first anniversary
the redwood seedling
tall as a straight pin

noon heat
I see the sun
in a dog's eye

dog days
garden-hose spray
kicks up dust

Jim Kacian

March sun and garden begin to move

autumn sunset
a man can't quite outrun
his son's new bike

ancient mounds...
imagining the builders
in their own language

rainy day
the left hand
muddy

after a while beneath the hose the black earth glisters



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Southwestern Haijin Spotlight

Elizabeth Searle Lamb

all night the wind
and the black raven dreams
no moon at all

such cold, such silence
such a morning star, bright
in the east

only a junco's wing—
this small snow-blizzard
from the lilac

dreaming the dream
that is not a dream moonlight
in the dreamcatcher

snow geese
the fresh smell of the first
flakes

the old treehouse
ghosts of summer children
playing in moonlight

just a day from full
this moon wears
a strange smile

the moon comes up
silent as owl's wing
a passing cloud



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The Scorpion Prize for Best Haiku/Senryu

We will ask guest judges to award our Scorpion Prize for the best haiku/senryu appearing in the previous issue of Roadrunner.