



## **Snapshots: Haiku/Senryu**

### **Contest Entries**

**Hazel, 14, Texas**

Fall movement

Swings move continuously  
Fall air and an autumn breeze  
Leaves fall endlessly

To read

The page turns briskly  
My mind slips into abyss  
My life has changed

## **Ryan, 17, Alaska**

The snowflakes sparkling  
Whispering groundward in awe  
Breath-taking coldness.

## **Durren, 12, Illinois**

The street performer  
At Times Square flipped, and then he  
Kicked a passing man

A young dumb miner  
At the mineshaft, foolishly  
Said, then died, "Watch this."

## **Lanee, 11, Florida**

I hear the sound of  
Squirrels chasing each other  
'Round the winter's tree

Young photographer  
Leans toward bee on flower  
Amateur gets stung

## **Chiara, 12, Arizona**

### Arabesque Incident

She went into arabesque,  
trying to hold it all in,  
she let out a fart.

### En Pointe

In my new pointe shoes,  
tests have been passed, x-rays done.  
I'm en pointe, I am!

## **Renée, 15, Ontario**

Handfuls of trail mix,  
stuffed mouth, yum. Friend comes—I say,  
“Don’t eat ANY of this!”

Leaves coppery yellow  
against brilliant blue sky; wind  
breathes gentle in my face.

## **Nicole, 15, British Columbia ~ Finalist**

Late

Chilling with coffee  
A short glance at my phone  
Rushing to my gate

The Sound of Hotdogs

Squish wheeze gurgle gush  
No, I’m not in the bathroom  
I’m squeezing ketchup

## **Jeremy, 13, British Columbia**

I flicked rocks at it  
The squirrel widened its big eyes  
Then he attacked me

Yay my own robot  
I am opening the box  
Aw no batteries

## **Kaitlyn, 11, British Columbia**

As red as red wine  
Soft dew drops on the petals  
The rose stands proudly

All its colours bright  
Made from sad rain and glad light  
The rainbow glistens

## **Bill, 12, Florida**

I jump up and down,  
Going higher all the time  
Then I fall right off

The large mouth bass swims,  
He swallows a shiner whole  
Then he feels a tug

## **Jack, 12, British Columbia**

Sun slowly setting  
Painting the sky with wonder  
It always dazzles

My pretty poem  
You scorn and slander my words  
I will defend them

## **Autumn, 13, Montana**

The castle sits there  
Sun shining brightly now  
Dark clouds gathering

Doesn't even rhyme  
Only thirteen syllables  
I despise haiku

## **Alexander, 13, Washington**

In my messy room  
"Ouch," screamed my angry father  
As an Xbox hit his head

My new Bengal cat  
In the kitchen early morning  
Our breakfast is gone

## **Gavin, 13, Missouri**

grass peaking through snow  
a cold January wind  
blows through the bare trees

He closes the book  
He has just learned something new  
Never known before

## **Elijah, 13, Pennsylvania ~ Finalist**

The Colors Spinning  
Stop, A Hand Slows The Globe Down  
I See Africa

It's Black And Yellow  
Love The Honey That It Makes  
So Sweet On My Toast

## **Nadine, 14, Pennsylvania**

I watch the bright flame  
Dancing in the starry night  
Satisfied I sleep

I jump up with fright  
A furry mouse with a tail  
Squeaking it dashes

## **Summer, 14, Oklahoma ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Hidden bones shiver  
Melted snow seeps through the earth  
Water drips on stone.

Rain drips on the dead  
His red blood is washed away  
His eyes are sightless.

## **Francesca, Ohio**

two eyes, the color  
of the ocean in spring,  
or the trees in fall.

hot sun on the skin  
smoking sand under my butt  
wow. I hate the beach

## **Amber, 14, Minnesota**

The smell of chocolate,  
Cookies browning in the oven.  
Surprise for my Dad!

Nothing says peace  
Like the wild baby bunny  
Cuddled in my hand.

## **Meghan, 13, Kentucky ~ Finalist**

The speckle-shelled crab  
Stabs the sand with his claw and  
Scuttles to his hole.

Coconuts tumble  
Down the beach to the blue sea.  
Splash! They ride the waves.

## **Kiwi, 15, Arizona**

The icy wind blows  
And the leaves go on sadly  
Winter settles in

It blooms happily  
She stands beautiful and strong  
But still, roses wilt

## **Noah, 11, Ontario**

### Evening Wind

Swoosh, the wind gently  
Blows the leaf off the old tree,  
Falls to the ground, calm

### Breaker

Waves intensify  
Crashing down, ruling  
Over the surfer

## **Kylie, 14, Arizona**

Sun shines on rough bark,  
Breeze rustles leafy branches  
That join in one truck.

Rain falls from the sky  
Falling on the once dry ground.  
I am glad it came.

## **Haley, 11, California**

The girl walked to the store  
She picked up a small puppy  
It didn't like it so it peed

The raindrops glisten  
The soft patter is soothing  
The world smells refreshing

## **Abigail, 12, California**

Ant is swept away,  
In a flood the sky is grey.  
Damp grass, Ant is gone.

Black Ant in the rain,  
Grey sky, flooded grass, wind  
Grunting, Ant is gone.