

# **Snapshots:**

## **Haiku/Senryu Contest Entries**

Sun's heat on my skin  
I leapt into the waves, then  
My teeth did chatter

White with thin moist air  
Clouds move gently 'cross the sky  
In cold Autumn breeze

- **Celia, 14, Florida**

**Dog in fresh cut grass**  
**Golden coat gleams in the sun**  
**Calm winds brush his fur**

- **Ashleigh, 13, NZ**  
**~3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner~**

The egg is silent,  
A smooth, stationary rock.  
A sudden shudder!

The smell of raindrops.  
Shy sparrows laugh in the wind,  
Whistling to the sky.

- **Kendra, 13, ON**

Driving along... BANG!  
Pulling over, a phone box  
We wait helplessly

Ball bounces, hands sweat  
The crowd waits, pressure building  
I aim and shoot... swish!

- **Brennan, 14, California**

Little tiny seeds  
Become little tiny sprouts  
That form to roses

The waves hit the earth  
Like sounds of lightning striking  
But simply vanish

- **Katie, 10, Virginia**

Rich, milky chocolate  
Sitting in the summer sun,  
Slowly softening.

- **Hannah, 12, Alaska**

I stand back to admire  
my new paint job and find  
my cat licking it

Prehistoric fern  
trapped in mud, covered with grime  
someday to be stone

- **Mira, 13, Pennsylvania**

The knight moves toward me,  
through the bloody battlefield.  
I am checkmated.

- **Sam, 13, Oklahoma**

**Rain flows from the sky  
A soaking, gushing torrent  
Umbrellas stretch their arms**

Pink azaleas bloom  
Spreading wide their soft petals  
Bird calls fill the air

- **Kyle, 13, Florida**  
**~2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner~**

I pushed a button  
Cement poured out of the truck  
Now I'm really stuck

The ants found poison  
As they sat there in the sun  
Not knowing they'll die

- **Jeremy, 11, Laos**

Like autumn fairies  
Fluttering down toward earth,  
A hundred leaves fall.

**You might want to know**  
**About your sample haiku:**  
**It's a senryu.**

- **Rayna, 11, Alaska**  
**~ First Place Winner ~**

The man is alone  
Though he shouts to emptiness  
Saying, "Pizza's here!"

A red flower stands  
with sharp spines to protect self  
so it's beauty lasts

- **Alex, 15, Texas**

**A man visiting  
a buffet takes an extra  
squid without paying**

Through her hands, the green  
goo melts as she plays with it  
in the summer sun

- **David, 14, Texas**  
~ 4th Place Winner ~

Fish darts now fast now slow  
'neath a fountain; the sun gleams  
on scales and water.

A blue summer sky,  
parched brown grass, wind roars, truck  
passes, match falls.

- **McKinsey, 14, Tennessee**

"I don't know the man!"  
The rooster crows and Peter sees  
his master's moist eyes

Silly they're called  
the open-eyed few, who see,  
they see a world most miss

- **Abbie, 15, Texas**

A forest ruined  
But with a few brush strokes I  
Make it a mountain

Wind through the needles  
Of a wintery pine tree  
Waiting for the storm

- **Ellie, 12, Tennessee**

Tools are lying out  
A cool crisp, icy morning  
The frost on the leaves.

I finished breakfast.  
My hunger has been satisfied.  
I had been hungry.

- **Matthew, 12, Minnesota**

Guard lies in ruins,  
Once a mighty fortress wall,  
Arrow in his chest.

- **Aaron, 13, Ontario**

I'm resting soundly  
suddenly, i smell something  
use the box, fido!

A warm cute cat rests  
On a chair sleeping. But then  
He springs into life!

- **Andrew, 14, Michigan**

Stars of gold-filled blue  
Emerge after winter's frost  
Call: "Forget-me-not."

- **Holly, 13, New Zealand**

Powerful Raichu  
Stares at the used Thunderstone  
His trainer gave him.

The boy shakes his fists  
and yells loudly at his Destiny,  
the new videogame.

- **Ethan, 13, Tennessee**

The mango juice  
Trickled down my tongue, leaving behind  
Tangy sweetness

I shove the brownies  
In the oven, thinking of what  
They will taste like soon

- **Jonathan, 11, Malawi**

Percy comes in,  
There's Mud on the floor,  
Leading to muddy Percy.

Racing through the house,  
Thinking the door is open,  
The dog slams his face.

- **Xavier, 12, Texas**

My speech is handy.  
Countless faces stare at me.  
I end with relief.

- **Shelby, 14, Missouri**

The pretty tree-Pine,  
Cut fresh from the wood, yet soon,  
Destruction will reign.

- **Hannah, 13, Oklahoma**

Reds, yellows, browns  
Trees sway, sipping sweet cider  
Wind blows, leaves falling

Flowers bloom, Bees Buzz  
Bunnies are born, Eggs are laid  
Wind is hushed, Spring

- **Ty, 13**

It hovers lightly,  
The wings a colorful blur:  
Ruby, green, and plum.

- **Kristen, 13, California**

the river will sing  
it's melody flies on wings  
the world's in full swing

the snow melts in spring  
there is a ring when birds sing  
we hear the real thing

- **Abbi, 13, New Hampshire**

Colorful leaves crunch,  
Frightened bird flying away  
Ruffles feathers, chirps.

I went to lock my bike  
So it would not be stolen  
Someone had stolen the rack

- **Melissa, California**

Grumpy when they wake  
Warm, black, soothing coffee  
Puddle on the ground

Pretty, purring cat  
Soft, warm fur; fluffy as can be  
Safe from winter's cold

- **Audrey, 10, Texas**

When you're called, 'Smart as paint'  
it won't work, 'cause paint ain't smart,  
so it would mean you ain't.

The man cast his line,  
and a large silvery bass  
quickly jumped for the twine.

- **Emily, 11, Colorado**

I sit by the pond  
As the rushes sway in the cold wind  
With my cat by me

Plumber dressed in green  
Heads turn to hear a scream  
A butterfly touched him

- **Toby, 14, Texas**

The leaves are blowing  
The fall trees have lost color  
The wind is lonely

My head is smarting.  
I look up and realize that  
there is a wall there.

- **Brynna, 12, Illinois**

The wind slaps the trees  
Like frustrated Sister  
Who's mad at Brother

I taste the red stuff  
I'm pretty sure it's ketchup  
Nope it's chilli sauce

- **Nicole, 13, British Columbia**

The sun was warming  
Birds begin whistling their songs  
Spring has now arrived

Little sprouts of grass  
Poke through the hard, fresh, Spring soil  
And the lawn turns green

- **Ariel, 13, Delaware**

wind drifts past flowers  
carrying cherry blossoms  
to the ground below

wispy fronds tickle  
Autumn winds brush aside seed  
to the fading leaves

- **Isabel, 12, Delaware**

I will fetch my thread,  
turn on the large machine and  
place the silky thread

Curiosity filled  
seamstress admired her product -  
Oh! Machine not threaded!

- **Grace, 14, Texas**

Hunter and his gun  
hunted animals for fun  
'till the day is done

Winter is coming  
soon white will blanket the earth  
then the hunt will end

- **Abigail, 13, Texas**

Boy at plate, swings hard  
ball soars over right fielder  
boy rounds first, he trips

Standing on roadside  
gas can in hand, bad judgment  
should have filled up tank

- **David, 13, Texas**

Satisfied and cute  
maybe it will go fine  
confused not good

Make-up all around  
her face is a canvas  
like a clown

- **Sarah, 14, Texas**

The hunter moves in  
silently lines up the shot  
Ow! Dang it hunter!

A trampoline sits  
being blown by the wind  
longing to be used

- **Daniel, 15, Texas**

Running for the pass  
I got it! I got it! I...  
dropped it, not my fault!

On the way from school  
fell asleep 'fore my house stop  
now I have to walk

- **Chord, 15, Texas**

The wilted flowers  
smile as they feel a cool breeze  
they're ready for rain

Brother with a nerf  
running down the hallway  
hide before he shoots

- **Carly, 13, Texas**

Happy fans and players  
why you ask, well Chelsea won  
it was a great game!

Spencer, look at Bunny  
she has something on her nose  
don't let Pippa see

- **Spencer, 13, Texas**

Dazzling colors where  
bright sunshine once glared down  
the cool of night reigns.

Leaves start emerald  
green, then turn crimson, yellow  
and orange, and fall.

- **Christopher, 12, Tennessee**

Oh the cloudy sky  
Rain falling through autumn leaves  
On the frigid air

The teacher starts car  
Looks in mirror to backup  
Hits a pole ahead

- **Dawson, 14, Wisconsin**

Cruz runs into my bedroom  
He puts on a superman cape on the floor  
He runs out of the room

Blue bird chirps in the tree  
Softest feather cocking up  
As the leaves fall down

- **Ava, 13, Texas**

Bubbling Water  
Adam's ale gushing over  
bursting any which way

- **Joshua, 12, Colorado**

Horse is so naughty,  
I don't know why; it's a fly!  
Horse is so naughty.

Fresh, old, wet, and cold.  
Shadows and light crawl through night.  
Treasure life as Gold.

- **Angelika, 11, Mexico**

I like hitting balls  
in the middle of a hole  
it is called golfing.

- **Ben, 13, Oklahoma**

Fresh hot pumpkin bread,  
Loud, sticky children consume  
A sweet, falltime treat.

Toddler sneezes out loud,  
Kleenex is seen and she freaks,  
Out of sight, she's fine.

- **Bethany, 14, California**

Growling stomach, starved  
Going to a restaurant  
Door open, walk in

A commentator  
Watches a football tackle  
Buddy on the floor

- **Micah, 12, California**