



## **Snapshots: Haiku/Senryu Contest Entries**

### **Jathan, 13, Colorado**

Mom serves our dinner,  
So everyone digs in.  
Our stomachs silenced.

I slow to a halt  
The man in that car, rocking  
Clunks head on dashboard.

## **Mackenzie, 13, California**

Tense, ready, eyes dancing  
Golden blur, snatch it up, gallop back  
Drop ball, this is fetch

Still, quiet, then wiggle, break free, dry  
Crawl to top, wait  
Flutter free, fly on

## **Ethan, 13, Maryland**

Rolling thunder, rain,  
Over mountains, tall, rigid  
Giving life, and shape.

## **Emily, 12, Nova Scotia**

Many rugged trunks  
Hold sunlight on yellow fruit  
Clunk to the cold earth

## **Andrea, 14, Indiana**

In summer breezes  
branches sway. Birds sing softly.  
Suddenly dogs bark.

Cool breezes, sun shines  
Alpacas, heads down, munch grass  
in fields, 'til it rains.

## **Audrey, 12, Indiana**

I have a big dog  
my dog likes to drool a lot  
so I named him Drool

I am small and orange  
I like thistle and daisies  
I'm a butterfly!

## **Adrian, 10, Indiana**

Bees make honey sweet  
like a factory for their queen.  
Honey sweet, she eats

## **Casey, 15, Florida**

It's hard to lose weight  
I don't like eating healthy  
But look at me now!

## **Julie, 12, Maryland**

"Swoosh, the autumn breeze  
red leaves, orange, yellow, brown  
slowly drifted down"

"Small flower soldiers  
dot the hillsides with yellow  
blowing in the breeze"

## **Olivia, 14, California**

A bright red flower  
Sways gently to nature's beat  
Dancing in the wind

End of class is near  
Dreaded homework is assigned  
Trigonometry

## **Autumn, 14, South Carolina**

A crystalline cup  
casting rainbows through the air  
slipping towards the ground

A bird pecks at seed  
he lifts his feathery head,  
then he flies away

## **Kaeli, 14, Texas**

Wind - bending, swaying,  
caress rolling grassy waves  
of peaceful meadow.

Spreading new found wings,  
colors flutter in the breeze,  
ethereal dance.

## **Haven, 12, Tennessee**

The crisp leaves falling  
While the brittle branches snap  
And leave the trees bare

## **Timothy, 12, Tennessee ~ Finalist**

Looks green no sound fall  
Smells leafy feels flaky  
Taste like bad salad

spider-man swinging  
over new York fighting crime  
with a broken arm

## **Jace, 13, Tennessee**

Rain pours heavily  
On my window as I sleep  
To the loud thunder

## **Marti, 12, Tennessee**

Crunch of leaves under hooves  
Black eyes peek round a tree  
Who is there?

Two ears of deer come out,  
White spots on ribs.  
It cannot hurt me.

## **Johnathan, 15, Tennessee**

An Ocean Voyage.  
As waves crash over the bow  
The sea welcomes me

## **Katherine, 16, Tennessee**

I open my door  
To see bright leaves and flowers  
Dead at my feet.

Dead though they may be  
The leaves and flowers are still  
Looking up at me.

## **Renée, 13, Ontario**

Chip slips through fingers,  
Into the garbage it goes.  
Oops! Into his mouth instead.

Painter's pallet of  
Red, gold, orange leaves; a carpet  
Of fairy gold.

## **Oliver, Ontario**

I sweep the glass  
And I remember the fall  
When the cup dropped

Early year storms howl  
Lightning brightens the dark sky  
The crisp cool warm air

### **McKenna, 14, Michigan**

Salt water splashing  
catching glowing fireflies  
in the summertime.

I used to be plain  
but now I've got my own face  
I'm a jack-o'-lantern.

### **Annie, 13, Iraq ~ Finalist**

I hark to the plane's  
Hum, half awake, as I sit  
In my tomorrow.

Using pale sunlight,  
The windows wink and glimmer  
As the plane ascends.

### **Calina, 12, California**

Jump from one puddle  
To another feeling the  
Cold rain, full of joy

Full of happiness,  
Hearing my baby laugh for  
The first time

### **Hannah, 14, Arkansas**

The sun kisses a  
Little girl, dancing on  
Dead leaves and dry grass.

My strong feet have killed  
My brand new pointe shoes which now  
Lie on the floor dead.

### **Kara, 12, Arkansas**

Crisp breeze moves the grass,  
Life a graceful dancer with  
A carefree spirit.

Dancer sniffs pointe shoe,  
Disgusting stench fills the air,  
Dancer gags and faints.

### **Alexander, 12, Washington**

The dentist mumbeld  
This patient's thooth looks healthy  
After he pulled it out



Cat Massage Studio  
I am getting a massage  
Ow! Ow! No claws please

### **Savannah, 12, Nebraska**

Wind brings geese and fish  
Water crashes with wildlife  
Wild feathers and fins

### **Payton, 11, Washington ~ Finalist**

Vivid leaves flying  
Swirling, colors crash to ground  
snuggled in leaf coats

Silence and stillness  
Powdery snow makes trees groan  
Leaning, frozen sticks

### **Jaden, 14, Illinois**

Grey clouds with no leaves,  
Wind whistling, licking, like fire,  
Layered trees, all bark.

Setting golden rays,  
glinting off crying seagulls,  
shimmering water.

## **Thomas, 11, Florida**

I reach for a branch  
and miss, grab another, slip,  
and I am falling.

Clippers buzz over  
my head. My hair falling past  
me, short once again.

## **Elizabeth, 13, Michigan**

Sun setting around  
Autumn colored leaves on tree  
Warm cocoa in hand

## **Kyle, 13, Georgia**

The Water Bottle  
The Razor Sharp Throwing Star  
Out in the Back Yard

The Silent Flowers  
sit orange, red and quiet  
in the morning sun

## **Onycha, 11, Wisconsin**

Treetops yellow, red  
Waiting for a gust of wind  
To blow leaves downward.

Brother's in his room  
Building Lego empires  
Dragons burn them down

**Grace, 12, Oklahoma ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

The small grasshopper  
Tenses legs to jump to the skies.  
The empty leaf shakes.

**Amber, 13, Wisconsin**

Wind whistles around  
Sun on my shoulders is great.  
Spring weather is here!

Darkness clouds around,  
Fears looming over my head,  
I start high school soon!

**Isabella, 12, Tennessee**

The sky becomes dark,  
Clouds gather and thunder roars,  
I race to get home.

Into the car we go,  
Heaven forbid, we're late to church,  
"Mommy, I left my shoes."