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The English Club of the University is organizing

A Haiku Poetry Writing Competition

Haiku is a Japanese poetical form that consists of 3 unrhymed lines and makes a concise statement on its subject. It has 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second, and 5 in the third. Often, a cutting word (*kireji*) is used to separate two contrasting images, or moods, or to convey a sudden sense of enlightenment. Given below are some examples of Haiku to help you understand the form and some of its variations:

1. “The Old Pond” by Matsuo Bashō

An old silent pond
A frog jumps into the pond—
Splash! Silence again.

Here, “splash” is a *kireji*, which separates the contrasting images, of the still, silent pond and the movement caused by the jumping frog.

2. “A World of Dew” by Kobayashi Issa (This translation does not follow the 5-7-5 rule but is still powerful in conveying the essence of the poem.)

A world of dew,
And within every dewdrop
A world of struggle

3. “Lighting One Candle” by Yosa Buson

The light of a candle
Is transferred to another candle—
Spring twilight

Each participant is expected to send 5 haiku poems along with personal information (full name, roll number, programme and year of study, email address, and mobile number) as a PDF file to englishclubefluniversity@gmail.com on or before 18th March 2021. The email should carry the subject heading “Haiku Poetry Writing Competition 2021.”

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