



Inside the back cover of *Cicada* there is a translated Japanese haiku poem about a cicada. A Haiku poem is an old form of Japanese poetry written in three short lines. These 3 lines try to capture a feeling or an image using a 5.7.5 structure. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables and the final line has 5 syllables again.

Here are two examples of haiku poems from Matsuo Basho (1644-1694) who is considered to be one the greatest haiku poets:

An old silent pond...
A frog jumps into the pond,
splash! Silence again.



Autumn moonlight-
a worm digs silently
into the chestnut.



Write your own Haiku poems below!

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