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Memorial Day:

the blind poet and his dog
find the family plot.

Autumn twilight:

a truck-load of coffins
stalls on the road.

Autumn twilight:

a truck-load of small coffins
stalls on the highroad.

Autumn twilight:

a truck-load of small coffins
stalls on the steep road.

The autumn windstorm:

a truck-load of small coffins
stalls on the steep road.

Memorial Day:

the blind poet and dog
find the family plot.

The covered wagon

Now the pennants are hung
the autumn breeze speaks
in colorful tongues.

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Around the car lot

pennants are hung, the breeze
speaks in colorful tongues.

Acurnd the new car lot

Around the new car lot
pennants are hung, the breeze
speaks in colorful tongues.

Above the car lot,

pennants are hung; the breeze
speaks in colorful tongues.

Autumn moon:

the factory foreman
reprimands the poet.

A tumble-down bungalow



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The horse-drawn hearse
rumbling by a pile of dung,
disperses the flies.

The stadium fence
a sun ray through the knothole
through the bull pen bench

The stadium fence:
a sun ray through the knothole
spots coupling flies.

The stadium fence:
a sun ray through the knothole
spots a couple of flies.

The stadium fence:
a sun ray through the knothole
spotlights coupling flies.

The stadium fence:
a sun ray through the knothole
spotlights a blue fly.

The stadium fence:
a sun ray through the knothole
spots a freckled face.

The stadium fence:
a sun ray through the knothole

The stadium fence:
a sun ray through the knothole
warms a couple of flies.

The empty attic

The empty garret

The distant island

A wounded deer
disappearing in the mist:
the autumn moon.

Memorial Day:
the novelist is hunting
for the family plot.

Memorial Day:
the
an old novelist hunts
for the family plot.

Bitter cold wind
carving a snowdrift
beheads the snowman

Memorial Day:
the blind storyteller
finds the family plot.



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Babbitt's baby son
lifting the hem of the black habit,
finds the nun has legs.

Babbitt's baby son
lifting the hem of the habit,
finds the nun has legs.

is washing its dirty linen
in the sudsy lake

The spring thaw
is bringing back the dog's body
to haunt the boy

is bringing back the black cat
to haunt the bad boy.

The drought...
even the tongue of the mailbox
is hanging out.

The drought...
even the mailbox's tongue
is hanging out.

The spring thaw
is bringing back the black cat
to haunt the thoughtless

The spring thaw
is bringing back the black cat
to haunt the thoughtless boy.

The thawing river
has brought back the black cat
to haunt the thoughtless boy.

The thawing creek
has brought back the sack of cats
to haunt the thoughtless boy.

Babbitt's baby son
lifting the hem of the habit:
the legs of the nun.

Babbitt's baby son
lifting the hem of the habit,
learns the nun has legs.

learns that nuns have legs.



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A shrieking blue jay
streaking through the noonday heat:
the stench of the creek.

The cathedral steps
covered with rice and confetti:
the flag-draped casket.

The cathedral steps:
a flag-draped casket shadows
scattered rice and confetti.

The cathedral steps:
scattered rice and confetti --
the rising casket.

Rice and confetti
on the steps of the cathedral:
the rising casket.

The cathedral steps:
a flag-draped casket shadows

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:spunors rta patreser eni

The cathedral steps:
a flag-draped casket shadows
rice and confetti.

The cathedral steps:
a flag-draped casket shadows
scattered confetti.

Up the snowy steps
of the cathedral

Up the snowy steps
of the empty cathedral -
a flag-draped casket.

On the marble steps
of the empty cathedral -
snowflakes and confetti.

Drifting on the steps
of the empty cathedral --
snowflakes and confetti.

Down the marble steps
of the cathedral, a wedding
of snow and confetti.



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A distant blue jay
in the autumnmorning mist
the stench of the creek

A shrieking blue jay
in the autumn morning mist:
the stench of the creek.

A distant blue jay
shrieking in the morning mist:
the stench of the creek.

A distant blue jay
shrieking in the noonday heat:
the stench of the creek.

A shrieking blue jay
in the noonday heat, the stench
of the steaming creek.

The city dump:
a clump of faded sunflowers

The autugust heat wave

Little brother's grave
covered with sprays and bouquets
wilts in the heat wave.

The August heat wave:
little brother's grave
covered with sprays and bouquets.

A distant blue jay
shrieking in the noonday mist:
the stench of the creek.

A distant blue jay
shrieking in the noonday haze:
the stench of the creek.

A shrieking blue jay
in the afternoon heat and haze
the stench of the creek.

A shrieking blue jay
streaking through the noonday haze:
the stench of the creek.



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A cicada

is riding pickaback
on little brother

A caterpillar

is riding pickaback
on little brother. ✱

Soft sounds of rain

and my brother's snoring

An early robing

perching on the podium
sings an aria.

The village church

near the edge of the swamp:
a nun picking violets. ✱

A cicada

hidden in the leafy linden

The stadium fence:

a vine of poison ivy
climbs through the knothole. ✱

~~NAKED~~
a faded maniken models
the latest cobweb. ✱

on the dump by the swamp

A clump of sunflowers

on the dump by the swamp

A mourning dove

on the dump by the swamp

a clump of faded sunflowers

decorates the dump

The clouded sun -

a clump of faded sunflowers
decorates the dump. ✱

The flowering hedge

~~covered~~ with dewy cobwebs

A fiddler crab

in the middle of the meadow



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A thistle seed
tumbling in the autumn wind,

The cattail blades
are sharpening the edge
of the icy wind. ✱

The incoming tide:
a floating dandelion

A buzzing horsefly
is floundering in frozen seas
of vaseline.

The leaky spigot
dripping in the rusty sink,
drugs a dusty roach.

Down the winding path
through the woods, a butterfly
follows the dry brock.

The cathedral bell
swinging in the winter wind,
drives the storm away.

knee-deep in snow

After the drought
the sunshower - not enough
for the steam iron.

In the syrupy lake,
the morning sun melts
on a pancake-cloud.

The evening breeze:
a fading firefly clinging
to a blade of grass. ✱

The passing storm
leaves the weeping willow behind

a firefly photographs the moment

Between the pines,
an empty hammock: ✱
the crescent moon.

the shadow of smoke on the snow

Dewy corn silk
brushes the brown breast
of the peasant girl. ✱



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Taking the short-cut
through the corn field to the lake
this warm summer morning.

A summer morning...
taking the short-cut through the corn
to the cedar lake.

A song sparrow
warbling on the barbed wire fence,
vents its spring longing.

The sunflower field:
a radio tower
touches the morning moon.

The sunflower field:
a radio tower touches
the morning moon.

The first faint honk
of Canada geese

A spring morning...
observing a song sparrow
perched on a dead sunflower.

A flapping crow becomes a dot of dusk

a distant crow becomes a dot of dusk

A distant crow
disappearing

A wounded deer
disappearing in the mist,
listens in the clearing.

marine major waits...
mother and father returns:
learn of brother's fate.

An autumn morning...
lowering the gold coffin:
raising the old flag.

Winter's overcast
horizon is the shape
of city sky line. oooooo

A darning needle
stitching the lips
of the town gossip.

The town gossip
is spinning a yarn
about the devil's darning needle.



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A tiny turtle
sunning on a lily pad

A distant deer
disappearing in the mist,
listens in the clearing.

A distant deer
disappearing in the mist:
the last quarter moon.

A distant deer
disappearing in the darkness

A distant deer

A distant deer
disappearing the mist:
the mid-morning moon.

A distant deer
disappearing in the mist:
the morning moon.

A distant reindeer
disappearing in the mist

A distant deer

A distant reindeer
disappearing in the mist

A distant reindeer
disappearing in the mist
the morning moon remains.

On a gnarled oak limb
a soaked starling
gargles in the rain

A cardinal sings,
and a starling on a gnarled limb
gargles in the ^{WIND} rain.

A cardinal sings
in the gnarled oak, a starling
gargles in the rain.

A song sparrow
perching on a dead sunflower,

A cardinal warbles
in the gnarled oak, a starling
gargles in the rain.

A hot summer morning
taking the short-cut to

Taking the short-cut



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The stadium fence:

a sun ray through the knothole
strikes couplling flies

Above the car lot,

pennants are hung; spring breeze
speaks in colorful tongues.

The stadium fence:

a sun ray through the knothole
strikes a pair of flies.

A string of pennants

hung above the car lot

A string of pennants

deccrate the car lot; spring breeze
speaks in colorful tongues

The stadium fence:

a sun ray through the knothole
spots a freckled face.

A string of pennants

strung around the car lot

A string of pennants

strung around the lot; spring breeze
speaks in colorful tongues.

The Cotton Bowl:

a sun ray through the knothole
spts

The city hall clock

blocking the autumn moon

The Cotton Bowl fence:

a sun ray through the knothole
spots a freckled face.

The mountaing

The mountain road

a boulder blocks the autumn moon.

reflects a freckled face

The morning mist lifts,

and the missing policeman
drifts down the river.



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The moonlit sea:

a swooping osprey

Now the pennants are hung
the autumn breeze speaks
in colorful tongues

Now the pennants are hung

Now the pennants are strung:
the autumn breezes speak
in colorful tongues.

Now the pennants are strung:
the autumn breezes speak
in many colorful tongues.

is bringing the short night

is bringing the brief night

The fleeing car-thief
is bringing the brief night
to a tragic end.

dandelion cottontails

dot the grassy lot

Now pennants are strung
autumn breezes speak
in colorful tongues

Now pennants are strung:
brisk spring breeze speaks
in colorful tongues

a qui

a choir of cicadas
quiets the baby.

Now pennants are strung:
brisk spring breezes
speak in colorful tongues.

The sycamore trees:
a choir of cicadas
quiets the baby.

dandelion cottontails
dot the dry meadow.



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dandelion cottontails
dot the hot meadow.



Not a breeze to sail
dandelion cottontails
dot the hot meadow.



Up on the seesaw

The concentration camp:

a windy newspaper

clings to the barbed wire fence

The early thaw...

storing cakes of lake ice and straw

stacked in the storm cellar

Hot before the gale:

dandelion cottontails

dot the far meadow.



Warm before the storm

stacking cakes of lake ice and straw

Warm before the thaw...

stor

Warm before the storm...

storing cakes of lake ice

in the storm cellar.



Warm before the thaw...

stacking cakes of lake ice and straw

in the storm cellar.

HW



Now pennants are strung:

the autumn breeze is speaking

in colorful tongues.

HW



Now the leaves have turned

Now the leaves are brown

A white butterfly

is trailing a tailless kite

failing in the sky.



forget promotion etc. but

I want my work read and recognized. It would be easier to



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Pinned to the clothesline,
a windy white sheet
shields the hen from the hawk

The polluted creek:
a sunken shopping cart
catches a gold carp.

A distant siren fades
and a fire diminishes
on the horizon

A mockingbird
at the top of the oak
the afternoon moon
a swarm of swallows swirling

A flock of fireflies
spreading over the meadow
mocks the Milky Way

Under the full moon,
over the midnight city
I was born in June.

Under the full moon,
over the midnight city:
the 28th of June.

Under the full moon,
over Camden City Hall:

Jim Bull
85 North Hickory Street
Platteville 53818

The foggy sun shows
and the groundhog's shadow
grows on frozen snow

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The air raid siren fades

Dr. Steve Parker
1637 Addison
Philadelphia 19146

Under the full moon
over the summer city
the June night I was born.

Under the full moon
over the midnight city
I was born

Under the full moon,
over the city hall clock:
the 28th of June.



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The scarecrow's shadow
measuring the snowy meadow:
the surveyor Thoreau.

The icy morning

The icy morning air:
General George Washington
crossing the Delaware

The flagpole climb:
a lump of bubblegum
holds my dead brother's dime

The bitter cold air
George Washington and his men
crossing the Delaware

The scarecrow's shadow
is helping Thoreau
survey the meadow.

Icy morning air:
George Washington and his men
cross the Delaware.

The scarecrow's shadow
is helping Henry Thoreau
survey the meadow.

The icy river:
in the prow of the long boat
Washington shivers

The scarecrow's shadow
is helping

on the city river, Washington
crosses the Delaware

The scarecrow's shadow
is helping Thoreau survey
the snowy meadow.

The icy river
at midnight, George Washington
crosses the Delaware

The icy river air:

The icy midnight air:
George Washington's Army
crosses the Delaware

1092 Niagara Road
Camden, New Jersey
April 1974

An honest informed opinion is always very valuable and therapeutic. I don't like adverse criticism, but I can take it, and learn from it. I am an old warrior from many letter-writing battles with writers who forget more than I'll ever know

The crystal city:
crisscrossing sunbeams
create a cat's cradle.

H/W

The raw morning warms
pairing earthworms are drawn
from the bare grave.

The distant city:
crisscrossing sunbeams
create a cat's cradle.

MH

The raw morning warms...
a pair of earthworms are drawn
from the fresh grave.

A

The empty playground:
a gust of autumn wind
seesaws with the moon.

H/W

The raw morning warms...
a couple of earthworms are drawn
from the fresh grave.

H/W

A

A daffodil blooms
among the dandelion:
the saffron moon.

The desert night:
a giant saguaro
gooses the moon.

Near dandelion,
a daffodil blooms:
the saffron moon.

Dandelion hill:
a daffodil blooms
the saffron moon.

The autumn wind
is seesawing with the moon

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Spiess has written me. I sent Keyser a copy of the first version.
Mike, the tape arrived, thanks. I have other tapes if you'd like to listen

An autumn evening...

finding a body at the bottom
of the empty well.

An autumn evening...

reaching the rock bottom
of the empty well.

An autumn evening...

reaching the rocky bottom
of the empty well.

An autumn evening...

walking barefooted on the road
of broken glass.

An autumn evening...

walking barefoot on the path
of thorns and broken glass

An autumn morning...

walking barefoot

A summer eve

A summer morning...

walking barefoot on the path
of thorns and broken glass.
through

A summer morning...

walking barefoot on the path
through thorns and broken glass.

A summer mpr

A summer morning...

barefoot on the path through thorns
and broken glass.

The rising sea mist

disguising the horizon
dims the rising sun.

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A tiny butterfly
is luring little brother

is tempting little brother

The farmhouse window
a pie on the sill
tempts the passing tramp.

The yellow moon
is helping the ghetto youngster.
to forget hunger.

The smell of dung
is helping the ghetto youngster
forget hunger.

The smell of dung
is helping the ghetto youngster
forget cold and hunger.

The smell of moldy dung
is helping the ghetto youngster
forget cold and hunger.

The smell of cat dung

The smell of cat dung
is helping the ghetto youngster
forget cold and hunger.

The smell of rat dung
is helping the ghetto youngster
forget cold and hunger.

The smell of sweat and dung
is helping the ghetto youngster
forget cold and hunger.

The smell of death and dung
is helping the ghetto youngster
forget cold and hunger.

The smell of dung and

A mallard and drake
drifting on the muddy lake
overtake the moon.

An autumn morning...
following the funeral cortege
to the beat of the drum

If there are any poems that you think should be in the anthology, that
have not ^{been} accepted, please write Cor van den Heuvel and suggest this



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Bitter cold afternoon...

visiting the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier.

The first firefly

underneath the giant linden

little brother cries.

The first firefly

beneath the giant linden

The first firefly

beneath the giant linden:

little brother cries.

The first cicada

on the branch of a buttonball

The first cicada

on a branch of a buttonball:

little brother calls.

An autumn afternoon...

visiting the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier.

Autumn afternoon...

visting the Tomb

Autumn afternoon...

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Autumn afternoon...

visting the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier.

Autumn afternoon...

visiting the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier.

The empty temple

at twilight

a sunken shopping cart

stops a dead carp

An autumn evening...

leaving the old cathedral:

leaning in the cold wind.

A winter evening...

leaving the old cathedral

leaning in the cold wind.

a sunken shopping cart

stops a rotting carp

I send my love and

I get tired of those who ask: Is that all you write is haiku?



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The misty woods:

four hooded horsemen
ford the icy brook.
muddy

HW

The village church:

a sleeping child in the pew
ends the frantic search.

In the evening sun,

a swollen mosquito
orbits a ripe plum.

The meadow brook:

a dam of dead brab

The meadow brook:

a dam of dead branches
brakes a maple leaf.

HW

a white stallion locks down
on foraging mares

Autumn thunderheads:

a white stallion warns
the foraging mares.

After a firefly...

a tiny butterfly visits
little brother's grave.

HW

The sunflower field

surrounded by barbed wire fence
hides the yellow moon.

creeping across the creek

The autumn mist

is disguising the scar
of the crescent moon.

The misty woods:

four hooded horsemen
ford the muddy brook.

HW

HW

this fall; some place they tell me.

Japan House (Japan Society) New York City. The Japan House has its opening

The next Festival will probably be held in the spring of 1972 at the

Please announce the Haiku Poetry Festival at Glassboro State College, May 5th and 6th beginning at 12 noon both days..

The path through the woods
a yellow butterfly
follows the dry brook

Down the winding path
through the woods, a butterfly
follows the dry brook.

Like the autumn wind
sweeping linden leaves from the walk

Under the waving flag
over the rippling grass

City sky line
crisscrossing sunbeams
support cloud cover

The distant city
in mist, crisscrossing sunbeams
support cloud cover.

The distant city
in mist, crisscrossing sunbeams
create a cat's cradle.

The distant city
in mist, crisscrossing sunbeams
support the roof of cloud. *AX*

Autumn wind and rain
are patching the scarecrow's pants

radio tower
surrounded by sunflowers
talks to moon-walkers. *MH*

The rocky river:
a spawning sockeye salmon
dies at the dam at dawn. *(scribble)*

The rocky river
at dawn, a sockeye salmon
spawns at the dam and dies.

rocky river:
spawning sockeye salmon
die at the dam at dawn. *(scribble)*

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To Hell with the curse, the family dread
Of March, anniversary of the dead
Anniversary of his birth, of doom
celebrated in a hospital room?

To Hell with the curse, the family dread
Of March, anniversary of the dead!
His birthday, anniversary of doom
Celebrated in a hospital room?

To Hell with March, the annual dread
Anniversary of Family dead
Borne by the wind from out of the north
His sevntieth birthday on the Fourth

To Hell with the wind! How do you feel?
What did the cardiogram reveal?
(Hospital bedroom windows rattle:
Background for telephone prattle.)

To Hell with the curse, the family dread
Of March, anniversary of the dead!
His seventieth birthday or his doom
His birthday, anniversary of doom
Celebrated in a hospital room?

To Hell with the curse, the family dread
Of March, anniversary of the dead!
Father's
His seventieth birthday or doom
celebrated in a hospital room?

your

composition. Keep writing everyday; in about 2 years compare what
Thanks for your letter. Glad you are enjoying your study and

Dear Ken;



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The March snowstorm

The melting snow

dripping from the eaves

The snowy roof

dripping in the morning sun

The March snowstorm

On the tenement floor

my father is born.

The March snowstorm -

on the floor of the rowhouse:

my father is born.

From the gabled roof,

the last moments of winter

are dripping away...

The March snowstorm -

on the floor of the row-house:

my father is born.

Fitting together

a puzzle of puddles -

the morning sky.

Through a muddle of leaves

in a puzzle of puddles -

the morning sky.

Piecing togetjer

Piecing together

a puzzle of rain puddles -

the grey morning sky.

The grey morning sky

is piecing together

a puzzle of puddles.

I think you will like it: Journey to a Haiku.
Leroy will publish one of my articles in the July issue of Haiku West. I



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under the rainbow
over the river bridge

under the thunderhead
over the river bridge
crisscrossing sunbeams

under the rainbow,
over the river bridge:
city traffic flows

under the rainbow,
over the river bridge:
traffic to and fro.

the deserted farm
at dusk, an old crow perches
on the scarecrow's arm

the deserted farm
at dusk, a pair of vultures
perch on the scarecrow's arm.

the deserted farm:

a pair of turkey buzzards
perch on the scarecrow's arm.

installing the hall mirror

the empty ballroom:

a cracked mirror on the wall
reflects the autumn moon.

wild blackberries on the railing
trail in the river

wild blackberries
hanging from the bridge railing
trail in the river.

Starting the New Year
back after a heart attack:
ransacked apartment.

Lost in saw grass

Concerning the following poem that you accepted:

Dear Lorraine;

squirrel's tiny paws
holding a shiny acorn
gnawing cold at dawn

tenement ruins



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The museum lawn:

a seaplane's skeleton
bears an empty nest. ✱

The museum lawn...

a seaplane's skeleton:
a nest in the wing. ✱

Yellow afterglow:

rows and rows of white crosses
shadow the frozen snow. ✱

The museum lawn... HW

a seaplane's skeleton:
nests in the wings. ✱

A gold butterfly HW

circling in a sunbeam,
haloes the scarecrow. ✱

Yellow afterglow:

rows and rows of crosses
shadow the frozen snow

A volcano

A volcano

rumbling in the jungle,
belches at the moon.

A volcano

rumbling in the jungle,
belches at the moon.

Creeping afterglow:

rows and rows of crosses
shadow the frozen snow. ✱

The creeping moonlight: HW

rows and rows of white crosses
shadow the frozen snow. ✱

Dear Leroy;

Thank you for the tribute. I like this issue, not only because of my work. It is amazing that you are able to find quality work