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Vote for 10 haiku. Indicate your top three choices by circling the numbers of the haiku. Return your votes and three haiku by Feb 15th.

- 1) Pale wintry dawnlight  
outlining dark window shades  
loud neighborly dog
- 2) Heavy winter rain  
my footsteps' hollow sound  
in dark here alone
- 3) Heavy winter rain  
lawn sprinklers turned on full force  
careless lawn workers
- ✓ 4) In Winter blast  
Fisherman sorting their catch  
Even the small ones...
- 5) From a withered field  
Just before darkness settles  
Last caw of a crow...
- 6) Rushing Winter wind  
From where to where do you go  
Pushing shopping cart?
- 7) Even strangers  
are warmly welcomed  
an open fire
- ✓ 8) Hot discussion  
on the life after our death  
by chimney corner
- 9) Although dried up  
the river still clamified  
the first class
- 10) beautiful blanket  
white, simmering and pristine -  
sun stole it by noon.
- 11) in strong, wintry wind  
old, worn out still box hangs there -  
sparrows call it home.
- 12) Days of the year  
torn from the old calendar  
to fall as leaves do
- 13) A kettle of soup  
waiting on the hot stove  
all winter long
- ✓ 14) This bright winter day  
far out on the calm sea  
a battleship waits
- 15) Beginning winter-  
spiderwebs on the window  
without the spider
- ✓ 16) Golden fallen leaves-  
silently they rise and fall  
on the windless path
- ✓ 17) Folding up  
the departing year-  
midnight shadows
- 18) Hanging up the wash  
sudden winter wind  
nightgown full of it
- 19) Canopy of snow  
trying to fly from the creek  
flutter of wild ducks
- 20) Frosty snowflakes fall  
a still December sunrise  
skating or swimming?
- 21) Hawaii twilight  
Coral sands flow, June wind-song  
a conch shell echo.
- 22) A sharp winter wind  
Hobo carefully adjusts  
newspaper blanket.
- ✓ 23) Silver moon sliver  
Winter garden etched in white  
birdbath filled with ice.
- 24) Winter  
crowded around the campfire -  
alone

- 25) Trudging  
through snow-swept fields-  
the smell of woodsmoke
- 26) After the blizzard  
icicles bar the windows -  
solitude
- 27) White crysanthemums  
sitting...rethinking the news  
Hirohito's death
- 28) Short night of reading:  
dropping his book the scholar  
sharpens all the knives
- 29) Awakening at night  
discarding hand written drafts--  
so much junk in piles.
- 30) The rocker  
with the broken leg--  
faces the ski lift

- 31) Cherry cider stand:  
sunlight stained  
a deep red
- ✓32) Through a back lit rose  
a ladybug crawls  
toward sunrise
- 33) Beginning new year  
the grocery clerk reminds me  
of the correct date
- ✓34) The howling north wind--  
scraps of plastic flapping  
against the barbed-wire
- 35) Back where he came from  
after making a u-turn  
end of the old year

Late Arrivals:

36. overcast sky ...  
worn and stained, the stone buddha  
goes on meditating
37. after the cold rain,  
seeing the distant black mountains  
through a rainbow
38. lone snowy egret  
stands tall over the riverlets ...  
withered grasses all around
- ✓39. The geese flying south  
left behind in my closet  
long, down-filled parka
40. Mountains and valley  
only the small creek flowing  
through new fallen snow
41. Frost's kiss- leaves wither  
spiral to the forest floor  
seeds lying dormant

KIGO FOR JANUARY

THE SEASON: winter; cold, new year, first dream  
SKY AND ELEMENTS: winter moon, snow, ice, winter wind, frozen lake  
FIELDS AND MOUNTAINS: frozen field, winter garden, snow covered  
mountains  
HUMAN AFFAIRS: new year, new calendar, overcoat  
BIRDS AND BEASTS: footprints in snow, snow rabbit  
TREES AND FLOWERS: withered tree, winter garden, bleak branches

KIGO FOR FEBRUARY

THE SEASON: winter, cold, below zero, freezing or frozen  
SKY AND ELEMENTS: winter moon, snow, ice, freezing wind  
FIELDS AND MOUNTAINS: bleak landscape, frozen peaks, snow covered  
mountains  
HUMAN AFFAIRS: overcoat, bundled up, frostbite, muffler  
BIRDS AND BEASTS: hibernation, footprints in snow, snow rabbit  
TREES AND FLOWERS: withered trees, frozen garden, withered branch

YOU MAY SUBMIT THREE HAIKU FOR JANUARY AND THREE FOR FEBRUARY.