

SOME WAYS TO THINK AS YOU SELECT THE GOOD AND IDENTIFY THE FAULTY

1. Does the Haiku have a double KIGO?

- a) Double KIGO is permitted if the KIGO are inseparable. *The First GEPPU*
- b) Double KIGO is not permitted if
  - 1. the KIGO are separable.
  - 2. two different season KIGO are used. (In Contemporary Haiku)

2. Does the Haiku have a tripple KIGO?

The use of three or more KIGO in one Haiku has been viewed as incorrect usage.

3. Does the Haiku have three independent lines? - that is "Can the three lines stand alone as unrelated ideas?" Three lines should not be independent from each other. At least two lines should be directly related.

4. Try experimenting with each Haiku. Can you substitute the KIGO to a different KIGO? If a different KIGO can be substituted, then the Haiku is weak. However, if a different KIGO cannot be substituted without changing the meaning or totally breaking the original thought, then the Haiku is a good one.

5. Is the KIGO too closely related to the other phrases?

- e.g. Christmas ---- jingle bells
- Easter ---- revival
- Red leaves --- evening glow

If it is too closely related, the Haiku becomes a common thought one.

Basho's words for composing Haiku:

先づ 發句 の よき と 申す は  
 MAZU, HOKKU NO YOKI TO MOOSU WA  
 first Haiku good that is said

言葉 易しく 氣高く 新しく  
 KOTOBA YASASHIKU, KEDAKAKU, ATARASHIKU  
 words easy noble or new or  
 elegant fresh

當座 の 儀 に 叶ひ たる を  
 TOZA NO GI NI KANAI TARU WO  
 the time 's matter match

よき と 申す なり  
 YOKI TO MOOSU NARI  
 is

Firs' Haiku that is said good is its words are y, noble, new, and mat time's matter.

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- 1. In the first dawn light  
two damp sleeping bags hung out  
over the clothes line
- 2. The summer's full moon;  
✓ shadows of the dogwood tree  
move on the window
- 3. A few dairy cows  
✓ rest under the willow's shade;  
one crow keeps calling
- 4. Snake willowing through yard  
Quickly trapped beneath bucket...  
Friend will catch. Gone? Gone!
- 5. Huge pale blue iris.  
Rhizome bought at Flower Show.  
Worth evry cent.
- 6. Each brilliant iris,  
A Goddess of the Rainbow,  
Stands here gracefully.
- 7. Pressed between a page  
of my anatomy book:  
this deep blue iris
- 8. With the first birds' cry  
before a dream is ended  
this short night flies by
- 9. Motionless, somewhere  
in the deep green prairie grass:  
the eyes of the snake
- 10. Edging the river  
the blues of sky and water  
caught by wild iris
- 11. During the short night  
spiders are busy... busy...  
weaving the door shut.
- 12. Near the rock garden  
by the pathway I must use  
lurks the garter snake
- 13. Onto the meadow  
fell a fragment of blue sky ---  
one mountain iris
- 14. Alone in the hills,  
to talk to a harmless snake  
seemed quite apropos
- 15. Along the low wall  
yellow iris came budding  
as if overnight!
- 16. An ancient fan  
quivering through the hours;  
the roadside cafe.
- 17. Clump of marigolds  
in shade of a tamarack -  
and the scent of both.
- 18. Nightfire in my eyes -  
only the lap of lake-waves  
touch our camping site.
- 19. The camping fire dies,  
and faint smoke quietly leaves  
the ashes soundless
- 20. From the yellow field  
the fan of a blackbird's wings  
catches my shadow
- 21. Green covered arbor -  
The sun coming in and out...  
but always in shade

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- 22. the snake is sleeping  
✓ on a lily pad while boats  
hiss down the river
- 23. in the laundromat  
the man wraps a wet T-shirt  
round his irises
- 24. the moon climbs away  
from the house of my lover  
sleeping the short night
- 25. Undulating growl,  
Earth's sun penetrating tired body.  
A gentle paw felt
- 26. Late at night, we four.  
Talking with hurried note.  
Sipping Irish Coffee
- 27. Colored leaves running  
Feel the wind as clouds appear.  
Winter's time has come
- 28. Blue iris petals  
winging from Usubada;  
messengers of Spring!
- 29. Firefly fancies swarm  
beneath brief June night's moonlight;  
captured with lute strings.
- 30. Shafts of June sunlight  
on old tree trunk crossing stream;  
water snake sunning.
- 31. In melon garden --  
✓ ladybug travels across  
watermelon stripes.
- 32. At twilight's ending  
Humid heat of day hovers ...  
through nature's short night.
- 33. Old cemetery --  
Below a bent cross lies a  
dry, empty snake skin.
- 34. The mountain stillness ...  
✓ one yellow iris blooming  
by the temple gate
- 35. All through the short night,  
the sound of wind bells... slowly  
the crescent moon fades
- 36. Dryness everywhere --  
even the desert King snake  
finds the water hole
- 37. Petals from heaven  
yellow, purple iris ...  
Aesthetic dreaming.
- 38. Insect symphony  
fills short night while two lovers ...  
stroll memory lane.
- 39. Gartersnake slithers  
through vegetable-filled garden ...  
Harmless and helpful.
- 40. Onto the meadow/  
fell a fragment of blue sky ---  
one mountain iris
- 41. Alone in the hills,  
to talk to a harmless snake  
seemed quite apropos
- 42. Along the low wall  
yellow iris came budding  
as if overnight!

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43. The prized iris rests  
on the garden path burdened  
by army of ants
44. Bantam rooster crows  
before workbound traffic starts  
daylight saving time ...
45. The clucking chickens  
circle spot in the barnyard -  
a snake in the grass
46. Night walk across turf  
flashlight beams expose glitter  
eyes of gliding snake
47. Silent short night ends  
pre-dawn jogger sprints past elms  
surge of sounds - the birds
48. Protecting snail nest  
from gardener's poison spray  
fanned swords - iris leaves
49. Sun begins to shine  
Before the moon fades away  
End of short night
50. Tall fragile iris  
Reminder of Grandmother's  
Beautiful garden
51. Snake on river rock  
Nap in sun interruptes  
By my sudden move
52. --- black and white in road!  
we are quickly motionless,  
from newly dead snake ---
53. --- white Douglas Iris  
exhibits delicate bloom,  
and dying foliage ---
54. --- reflecting times past,  
I observe motion in weeds;  
snake moves in and out ---
55. dawn of the short night  
and this the time for flying -  
so empty the nest
56. unfolding again  
one golden iris glowing  
midst the purple ones
57. in the horse's stall  
scent of white bearded iris  
stealing through the cracks
58. Smiling that short night  
My aged friend slumped over ...  
Now, I wear his shoes
59. Iris in her hand  
She talks of distant places  
Without facing me
60. Swallowing a fly  
So abruptly interrupts  
My short night's singing
61. Leaf shadows quaking  
on morning window shutters ...  
bees already hum
62. On low swaying branch,  
Spring robin out-chirps nestlings ...  
cat oggles wrong tree.
63. Smoke-colored iris  
my evening touch on your stem,  
delicate, breaking.
64. Night traffic on the  
freeway ... A thousand-eyed snake  
thrashing its red tail
65. Listening to star  
music makes dark a short night ...  
dawn comes too quickly
66. Iris ... cloistered heart  
breathes incense into the night  
mystical fragrance ...
67. Unmoved, even by  
a paper fan - a furry  
fat caterpillar.
68. In the shade of dawn  
the magnolia blossoms  
offer cups of dew.
69. Camping on the bluff -  
Sharing starlight with  
of small fireflies.
70. Name of foreign ship  
reflection already clear  
short night in harbor
71. In the scorching sun  
reminds me of Mexico  
dried up river bed
72. A fellow lodger  
already deep into sleep  
the summer moonlight
73. for our long-time friends  
whose children grew up with ours  
an iris in bloom
74. suddenly the snake  
vanishes before my eyes  
like ripple on pond
75. the hollowed-out stone  
in the old mission garden  
ground smooth by the corn
76. Night on the freeway  
is a thousand eyed creature  
thrashing its red tail.
77. Petal cloistered heart  
breathes incense into the night  
mystical fragrance.
78. Listening to the  
music of constellations  
dawn comes too quickly.

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good idea

Please pick 12.

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