



The Poet's Guide Not To Haiku

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Haiku is quite a new thing with me so imagine my surprise to be writing a piece about it. To be honest I don't know all the ins and out of it so it will really just be a journey through different styles and showing you its versatility (which surprised me as well). Now before I start I have to tell you that I was surprised to find out that not only do you not put Titles on the works only the first line it has to be bracketed like this []. A Title actually disqualifies it as a Haiku which is somewhat at odds with me as I have long since learned that the Title can add another dimension to the Poem. Let me give you an Haiku to illustrate my point **Apathy (couldn't even be concerned enough to take off the title)**

What can I say in
Five, Seven then Five again,
Not a lot really.

So I will keep the Titles if you don't mind and carry on regardless. A Haiku is a very versatile Three Line piece that comes in at 5 7 5 giving it an up tempo beat. It can cover any topic. It can be an **Intellectual Haiku**

Thinking about Haiku
Interesting perspective,
Does it have to rhyme?

Or maybe a **Philosophical Haiku**

They say that life's a bitch
But you see I am a Dog,
So I say Fuck It.

A thoughtful one **Natural Haiku**

Well apart from Man,
Everything in Nature
Has found perfection.

It can even be **A Funny Haiku**

A funny Haiku
Is like cold Irish Stew,
Try a Limerick.

A sad one like **Love Lost**

When they buried you
My Heart went into the Grave,
No more shall I love.

It does not even have to be constricted to one Stanza like this **Sci-Ku**

Was there a Big Bang?
An Infinite Universe
Just think about it.

If it had no end
Then it has no beginning,
Common Sense really.

Yes a versatile structure but have you ever wondered about **The Evolution of Haiku?**

I wrote this little ditty,
I want it to be pretty,
I sorry it's not gritty,
But most of that is shitty.

I wrote another ditty,
The last one was too gritty,
I'm afraid it turned out shitty,
Not really very pretty.

Well my final ditty,
I'm afraid it's not too pretty,
It's going to end up gritty,
I just can't lose that shitty.

A dotty ditty
My work is no more gritty,
Now I am pretty.
(A Haiku is never shitty,)

Just kidding, don't mind me. I have decided to try and put them in sections with 13 Haikus each in. I thought I would start with common rhyme endings, the first one being **Used**

Confused

Never do today
What you can do tomorrow,
I think so anyway.

Bemused

What's with these Women
You cannot live without them,
Well that's what they say.

Amused

I thought it funny
When you fell and hurt yourself,
Guess I was wrong then.

Accused

No it was not me
Who cut down the Cherry Tree,
I can lie you see.

Abused (1)

Don't ever leave me
Without me you are nothing,
Just remember that.

Abused (2)

I will never leave
You are my everything,
Just please forgive me.

Infused

Fragrantly scented
Like a walk in the Forest,
With no exercise.

Mused

My inspiration
Comes from thinking to myself,
Well perhaps, maybe.

Fused

Right you asked for it
I'm up to here with your tricks,
I'll put your lights out.

Defused

Alright fair enough
We've both been going through hell,
Forget about it.

Excused

Sorry about that
I don't think those Beans were baked,
Smell will soon be gone.

Disused

Never worked for me
I always found it broken,
Well the time I looked.

Misused

Look I know I'm good
I know that you're not better,
Let's leave it at that.

Another common ending is **Ice**

Cowardice

Alright you go First
But I'm definitely next,
Well guess I'm Third then.

Justice

One thing that I learned
There is no justice just us,
It helps me through life.

Service

I was born to serve
That does not make you a God,
That makes me humble.

Vice

I know a Demon
That likes to live in shadows,
I can control him.

Nice

Ever since we first met
My life has been complete,
You are fulfilment.

Advice

What I want to know
If you can give good advice,
Why don't you take it?

Avarice

Well I wouldn't mind
A bit of what you fancy,
But I take too much.

Notice

No need for those words
That strangle you in nonsense,
Just keep it simple.

Suffice

Exactly when it was
Well I can't be too precise,
Around Eleven.

Malice

That's what I have heard
I think I read it somewhere,
Or was it T.V.?

Chalice

Behold the wonder
That men follow unto death,
Daft really init.

Office

Where People hang out
And talk about their Weekend,
Some might even work.

Novice

Well I have read it
Now what was it called again?
My experience.

And **And**,

Demand

I want my money
You should have paid me last Friday,
Money or your Knee Caps.

Stand

Here I used to sit
But now I will make my stand,
Bleeding Seat is wet.

Underhand

I have got an ace
I have kept it up my sleeve,
That's not underhand.

Understand

I was a Parrot
Just repeated what I heard,
Never understood.

Command

The power to kill
And one good thing about it,
I don't have to fight.

Land

A place you're tied to
Though you try to get away,
You end up home sick.

Highland

The Celtic Homeland
Til it fell to Saxon hand,
Too much a demand.

Lowland

Me a grudge Baby
Someone had it in for Dad,
Well so I was told.

Midland

Burton upon Trent
The head of the Brewing World,
Til the Yanks came along.

Strand

I sit here waiting
For a Ship to pass me by,
Hoping in Daylight.

Grand

Aye it wor long ago
Lost my Money caught the Flu,
Didn't feel too grand.

Brand

You wear your Jeans tight
Just to emphasis the cling,
And imprint the brand.

Bland

Don't like spicy food
It can turn my Stomach rude,
Think I'll stick with bland.

Yet another common rhyming word is **Ate**

Terminate

The end of the Road
The cessation of your Job,
Unless you dig Graves.

Fornicate

Well alright, okay
One more time then I'm away,
Wife comes back today.

Placate

If I ever fall
I know you will pick me up,
You are a true Friend.

Vacate

Saw a Ghost today
Well I think so anyway,
Vanished straight away.

Relate

So Pride and Envy
We'll take the two together,
Aspects of the same.

Sedate

Oh elegant Rose
That's most fragrant to my nose,
You are my repose.

Prostrate

God my back has gone
That Concrete was too heavy,
I'm too old for this.

Incarcerate

The old deep blue Sea
That took me into her arms,
Never set me free.

Vindicate

It was not easy
The way that you treated me,
But I forgive you.

Abate

Never meditate
On old Pickle Onions,
Gives you Nightmares.

Meditate

Nature is within
So become part of the whole,
Just reach for your Self.

Contemplate

I sit in myself
Just contemplating on things,
Gives my Mind some peace.

Just Hate

Mister Brian Cox
Your old job it does beckon,
Plug in the keyboards.

Sorry about the last one, nothing personal it just seemed to fit, anyway **Tion**

Abstention

Took my Soul away
They buried her yesterday,
No longer do I pray.

Rejection

I have never loved you
Even though I thought I did,
You would not let me.

Elation

Love light in your eyes
Lifts my heart unto the Skies,
Where hope never dies.

Devotion

Oh majestic River
Queen of all that you survey,
With you I shall stay.

Dejection

When I was with you
I never found happiness,
You were not the one.

Frustration

This bleeding Haiku
It just will not come to ground,
Why do I bother?

Elevation

With you I walk tall
For in my estimation,
With you I have all.

Emancipation

I thought I was free
But come to reality,
It's you holds the key.

Dedication

You now have my life
I dedicate it to you,
For you are my Wife.

Retraction

Never thought really
It just came out of my mouth,
Shouldn't have said it.

Medication

They say you need it
Helps you to tolerate life,
Keep taking the pills.

Adoration

Don't you just love her
To see her fills you with awe,
Just pure perfection.

Desecration

You call that rhyming
It's supposed to sound alike,
As God intends it.

Sorry about my humour on the last one anyway **Ent**

Relent

Alright guess you win
You're very interesting,
Just please stop talking.

Repent

Here I vow to you
To make amends for my sins,
I now purge my Soul.

Event

A thing that takes place
That sticks in your memory,
Make it a good one.

Intent

Never really thought
It just came out of my Head,
Well that's what I said.

Advent

Well to some People
It's the Month before Christmas,
To me just the start.

Content

Looking at a Book
And checking what's inside it,
That makes me content.

Recent

It was not long ago
That I got into Haiku.
Addictive init.

Decent

Well it's not decent
To let a man starve to death,
Because you're greedy.

Ascent

I went to Heaven
But I came back down again,
Didn't make the grade.

Descent

I then went to Hell
Not like how I imagined,
It looked just like here.

Consent

If you must do it
Just don't tell me about it,
You have my consent.

Invent

Why not try Pi-Ku
It's just 3, 1, 4 and 2,
Whole words are better.

Reinvent

What about Phi-Ku
Comes in at 6, 1 and 8,
Rhyme it to balance.

And so finally **Ing**

Sling

No bow or arrow
David said to Goliath,
My arms in a sling.

Spring

Its coiled for comfort
Yet only comes once a Year,
How does that equate?

Swing

I was a Golfer
But couldn't get into the swing,
Not my sort of thing.

Sing

She evokes in me
The melody in my Heart,
I just want to sing.

String

There is this Theory
Things are interconnected,
Money for old Rope.

Kissing

I don't understand
How the transference of spit,
Arouses me so.

Missing

So tell me something
Is there something I'm missing?
I'm missing something.

Landing

It's all been written
It's all in my Mind anyway,
It just needs landing.

Smoking

Took my dignity
This foul Weed that tempts me so,
Yet still I persist.

Stalling

Look I'll tell you what
I will call you in a Week,
Things might be better.

Calling

I gave you a bell
The Answer Phone just went bleep,
I'll call you next Week.

Galling

Isn't it the way
You are looking for romance,
Payment in advance?

Judging

You know what they say
People in glass Houses,
I'm not one to judge.

So that's seven rhyme endings of different sounds I would next like to take a look at Nature which is a favourite subject of mine and we'll start in **Space**

Stars

Stars are out tonight
They splatter the Sky with light,
What an awesome sight.

See How They Shine

Just see how they shine
An emanation divine,
A Heavenly Sign.

Space

Space is within me
Stretching to Infinity,
It's all that can be.

Moon

When the Moon shines bright
I'm a Creature of the Night,
Well Lunacy alright.

Moon-Shine

Under the Moon's shine
Where darkness turns to Twilight,
There you will find me.

Moon River

There's a noble sight
Reflected in the River,
Captured Moon's delight.

Dawn

Dark stood uneasy
As Sunlight made its approach,
Soon it would be dead.

Dusk

Darkness now awaits
For the Sun has had its Day,
Now it's time to play.

Move with the Times

So this Universe
Now known to be Infinite,
Ditch the old Theories.

The Universe

I am Infinite
Precession is my time gauge,
That's all that I know.

Moon Beam

Travelled to the Moon
We didn't find any Cheese,
So didn't go back.

The Sun

My warmth is the Sun
It just fills me full of life,
Lifts me in being.

Sun shine

Feel the healing heat
From the warmth that leaves your smile,
A ray of Sunshine.

Now what would Nature be without its **Animals?**

Boatman

I walk on water
I am a Boatman you see,
It's just what I do.

Robin

That little Robin
With its Red waist coat so smart,
A joy to my Heart.

Snake

The poor little Snake
In ignorance it was cursed,
Will Man never learn?

The Magpie

They call me Magpie
Though not with my permission,
Those cheeky bastards.

The Fly

They call me a fly
I can deal with others shit,
Maybe Counselling?

The Bee

Oh my sweet Honey
Every Flower and Tree,
I am a busy Bee.

Bee Sting

Got stung by a Bee
Twenty Dollars for Honey,
Shouldn't be allowed.

The Peacock

This is what you see
I am all you want to be,
All Eyes now on me.

The Elephant

Oh you great Elephant
You keep standing on my Toes,
How can you forget?

Parrot

So let it be said
That Parrot fashion is dead,
Though not in my Head.

The Swan

There she goes again
The Queen of all she surveys,
God made her that way?

An Old Farmer's Proverb

Old Farmer's Proverb-
There's nothing makes a Bull Sweat,
Like a tight Jersey.

Rabbit

Bought a Buck and Doe
Yes a real good investment,
Breed like.....well you know.

Or its **Flora**

Grass

The Grass is greener
Well that is what they tell me,
But I'm not a Sheep.

Oak

Oh majestic Oak
An example to us all,
Little Acorns grow.

Willow

I see how you weep
Mourning the passing River,
It will return though.

The Rose

They call her the Rose
She's very good to look at,
But don't pick her up.

The Daffodil

How I long for Spring
Just to see the Daffodil,
Now life can begin.

Magnolia Tree

Did you ever see
In the Magnolia Tree,
So much majesty?

Ivy

Spreads like a Weed
And strangles all around it,
Just like creeping death.

Mistletoe

Under you I bide
You see from you none can hide,
Merry Christmas.

Mint

All that you desire
To soothe that restless Mind,
Nature's loving balm.

Mushroom

Should you ever look
Just beneath a Forest Tree,
There you will find me.

Witch Hazel

See that Witch Hazel
She's the shadow of darkness,
That rips out your Soul.

Sage

I'm a wise old Sage
You see wisdom comes with age,
Know my Onions.

Nettle

You touch a Nettle
You're going to end up stung,
Makes a good Soup though.

And finally for Nature I would like to end with the **Weather**

Rain

So why is Water wet
Did you ever stop to think?
Very profound I'm sure.

Lightning

Never saw him die
Just came straight out of the Sky,
Didn't say good bye.

Thunder

Oh such a rumbling
To the fear of mice and men,
God is not happy.

Wind

Do you want freedom?
Feel the Wind across your face?
Get a Motorbike.

Frost

Oh a nasty bite
That Frost was heavy last night,
Finger's cold as Ice.

Snow

Paint me a Picture
An idyllic scene full of joy,
Just don't walk in it.

Storm

The dark Clouds gather
There's a Storm that's in the air,
A grim foreboding.

Sunny

Come forth with your heat
Bring new life into my Heart,
Invigorate me.

Drizzle

It's everywhere
That fine Rain that gets you wet,
You know what I mean.

Downpour

Guess I'm soaked again
I didn't see it coming,
Always seems the way.

Tidal Wave

I guess that's life then
Go out with an Umbrella,
And still you get wet.

Hurricane

Memo to Palm Tree-
It's one hell of a blow job,
Hang on to your Nuts.

Fog

The Mist it thickens
As it comes up from the ground,
Deathly inspiring.

Next topic I would like to broach is Man, well more precisely what defines Him. I suppose the first thing would be His **Religion**

Catholic

I am Catholic
I'm the Whore of Babylon,
(Well that secret's out.)

C of E

I am C of E
State Religion of the Day,
That was Yesterday.

Mormon

I am a Mormon
Christ in the U.S of A,
Well that's what I say.

Taoist

I am a Taoist
You see mine is called 'The Way,'
No more will I say.

Christian

I am a Christian
I live in and through Jesus,
Nothing wrong with that.

Buddhist

I am a Buddhist
My Path is Enlightenment,
Not the only one.

Atheist

I am Atheist
Guess it's just a thing of Faith,
You have yours, I don't.

Muslim

I am Islamic
A reminder to the Word,
That got forgotten.

Pagan

I am a Pagan
The Earth Mother's who I serve,
Well should be anyway.

Hindu

I am a Hindu
My life lies in the Vedas,
I'm happy with that.

Sikh

I am a Sikh
Community is the God,
Within all of us.

Scientology

Scientology
That's a line all to itself,
Says it all really.

Liberalism

Not a Religion
Just pisses me off that's all,
Makes up the Thirteen

After Religion I would say that the next thing that defines would be his **Country**

Australian

I'm Australian
It's part of my conviction,
(Just my little joke.)

English

From the pleasant shore
We left and took to the Sea,
We became Pirates.

French

What really happened
We had a revolution,
To become Europe.

Irish

We travelled to flee
From the English tyranny,
That left us famished.

Ulster

We travelled to flee
But we went over the Sea,
To aid tyranny.

Germany

Our innovation
And investment in Nation,
Our vindication.

Scotland

In that very Cave
Trodden down by English foot,
There the Spider died.

Greece

The tribulation
Of our Civilization's,
Administration.

Ukraine

And there you have it
A Political Parcel,
Wrapped up like a bomb.

Libya

Forced democracy
Does that actually work?
Just put down that gun.

America

The home of the brave
Otherwise don't walk the Streets,
The Land of the free?

Russia

The home of the Bear
So big you cannot cross it,
Without its consent.

Wales

Land of our Father's
Mines of Slate, Iron and Coal,
In our Father's time.

And finally his **Job**

Dancer

See that Male Stripper
You know him a Chippendale,
I'm more Chips and Ale.

Plumber's Mate

See that Plumber's Mate
Now he was a waste of time,
Didn't even drink.

Politician

What a crock of lies
Who do you think that you are?
A Politician?

Banker

Some think I'm greedy
It's a price I have to pay,
So where's my bonus?

Police

Sure I've walked the beat
Alright I prefer the car,
Not much more to say.

Doctor

I am a Doctor
And with the systems they've got,
I'm losing patience.

Postman

I am a Postman
Better than walking the streets,
(It's just an old joke.)

Writer

I am a Writer
My Pen was really my Sword,
Well til I got shot.

Waiter

I am a Waiter
I don't like you when you're rude,
I spit in your food.

Baker's

A Baker's dozen
Well I'm not one to throw stones.....
The thieving bastards.

The Manager

When it comes to work
I manage because I can't,
Ironic really.

Labourer

The Salt of the Earth
Don't rub it into wounds though,
Could turn quite nasty.

Lawyer

I am a Lawyer
And I charge by the sentence,
And get you one too.

And to bring this Little Book to a close I would just like to leave you with some **Final Thoughts**

Anger (War Mad)

What is it with Man
Why does he like to war so?
It doesn't make sense.

Avarice (Picket the Pocket)

So the World today
A Corporate takeover?
Just boycott their goods.

Pride (Patriotism)

Here is where I live
The best Country in the World,
(Insert name of choice.)

Sloth (The Epic Tale)

So there you have it
Supposed to write an Epic,
And then this came up.

Gluttony (Waist Full)

I do not waste food
That's not really to my taste,
It all goes to waist.

Envy (Middle Class no more)

I lost my status
I used to be Middle Class,
But now I'm just Poor.

Lechery (Pissing Glass)

A real bit of class
And a very friendly Lass,
Now I'm pissing glass.

Poverty

The rich are too rich
And the poor are too many,
Things will have to change.

Doing Time

Want to know the time
Go after that Police Man,
He just stole your watch.

I'm Better Than That

Don't stereotype
Don't you de-humanise me,
I'm better than that.

Collateral Damage

Such a harmless term
I can kill the innocent,
And nobody cares.

Authority

Want equality
Without the Authority,
Just learn how to love.