

## HAIKU

A haiku is a particular form of poem which originated in Japan. Its charm is that it captures the essence of a topic very concisely.

The three-line poem is made up of words which total 17 syllables: 5 syllables on line 1; 7 syllables on line 2; 5 syllables on line 3.

It's a contemplative poetry that values nature, colour, seasons, contrasts and surprises. It must record a moment, sensation, impression or dramatic element of a specific fact of nature.

Here are two poems by Japanese poet Basho (aka Matsuo Munefusa) 1644-1694.

The banana tree  
blown by winds pours raindrops  
into the bucket.

All along this road  
not a single soul – only  
autumn evening comes.

Jennifer Hind, "Haiku," *The Royal Gazette*,  
Bermuda, 2003.

Turn to the weather page in today's edition of *your newspaper*. Clip out the synopsis of today's weather and paste it in the space below.

Write a haiku to describe the weather.


