

Examples of Haiku

An old silent pond . . .
A frog jumps into the pond,
Splash! Silence again.
— Matsuo Basho

Lilies blooming
thick and fast
a skylark's lonesome cry.
— Issa

The dragonflies
Cease their mad flight
As the crescent moon rises.
— Kikaku

Weaving back and forth
Through the lines of wheat
A butterfly.
— Sora

Don't kill the fly!
He is waving his arms,
His legs.
— Issa

Nowhere to go;
The dwellings of ants
In the summer rain.
— Gyōdai

The spring sea,
Gently rising and falling,
The whole day long.
— Yosa Buson

