

# 俳句

# How to Haiku

## It's in the Count!

Some of the best poems, just like the best presents, come in small packages.  
*Haiku* is a traditional form of Japanese poetry.

Read the haiku below and count the syllables in each line.  
Then add up the total for each poem and write it in the box provided.

A/giant/firefly:  
that/way,/this/way,/that/way,/this/-  
and/it/passes/by.

An old pond!  
A frog jumps in -  
the sound of water.

Right at my feet -  
and when did you get here,  
snail?

Clouds appear  
and bring to men a chance to rest  
from looking at the moon.

A man, just one -  
also a fly, just one -  
in the huge drawing room.

-Issa (1762-1826)

Sleep on horseback,  
the far moon in a continuing dream,  
steam of roasting tea.

-Basho (1644-1694)