

The Art of Haiku

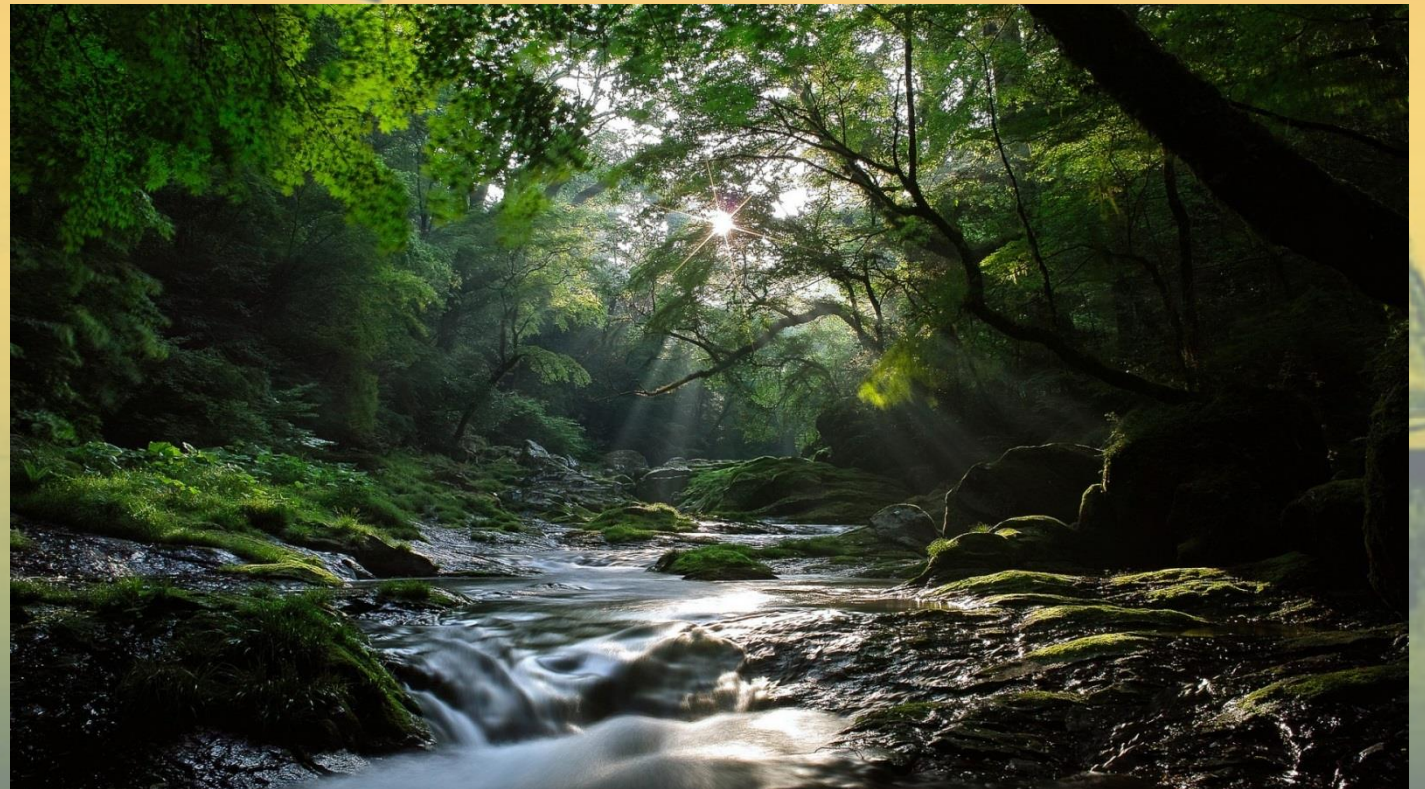
- Haiku is Japanese verse in three lines
- Line one has 5 syllables, line two has 7 syllables, and line 3 has 5 syllables



For example...

Sound of a stream,
Sunlight dancing on waters,
Life wakes up again.

-Roumiana Tsenkova, 2004



Shadows of winter

There are feathers on the snow

Distant silent howl



How much can I fit
Into a haiku format
Oh no I'm out of...



Haikus are easy

But sometimes they don't make sense

Refrigerator



- When most people think of haiku, they only think of the 5-7-5 format
- But there's much more to it than that



- Haiku is a mood poem, and it doesn't use any metaphors or similes
- In general, haiku is inspired by observations of a scene in nature, a photograph, architecture, art, etc.
- The poet then tries to convey a particular mood by sharing his or her observations



For example...

In the woods they roam
The wildlife is creeping
They are living life



An old silent pond...

A frog jumps into a pond,
Splash! Silence again.”



-Matuso Basho

