

# Haiku Journey

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## i. Spring

the tips of each pine  
the spikes of telephone poles  
hold gathering crows

may's errant mustard  
spreads wild across paved road  
look both ways

roadside treble cleft  
feeding gopher, paws to mouth  
cheeks puffed with music

yesterday's spring wind  
ruffling the grey tips of fur  
rabbit dandelion

## ii. Summer

turkey vulture feeds  
mechanical as a red oil rig  
head rocks down up down

stiff-legged dog rises  
goes grumbling after squirrel  
old ears still flap

snowy egret—curves,  
lines, sculpted against pond blue;  
white clouds against sky

banded headed bird  
this ballerina killdeer  
dance on point my heart

## iii. Fall

leaf wind cold through coat  
wails over hills, through barren trees  
empty garbage cans dance

damp September night  
lone farmer, lighted tractor  
drive memory's worn path

sky black with migration  
flocks settle on barren trees  
leaf birds, travel songs

october moon cast  
over corn, lighted fields  
crinkled sheaves of white

#### iv. Winter

ground painted in frost  
thirsty morning sun drinks white  
leaves rust golds return

winter bare branches  
hold tattered cups of summer  
empty nests trail twigs

lace edges of ice  
manna against darkened sky  
words turn with weather

now one to seven  
deer or haiku syllables  
weave through winter trees

Northern follows jig  
body flashes with strike, dive:  
broken line floats up.

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