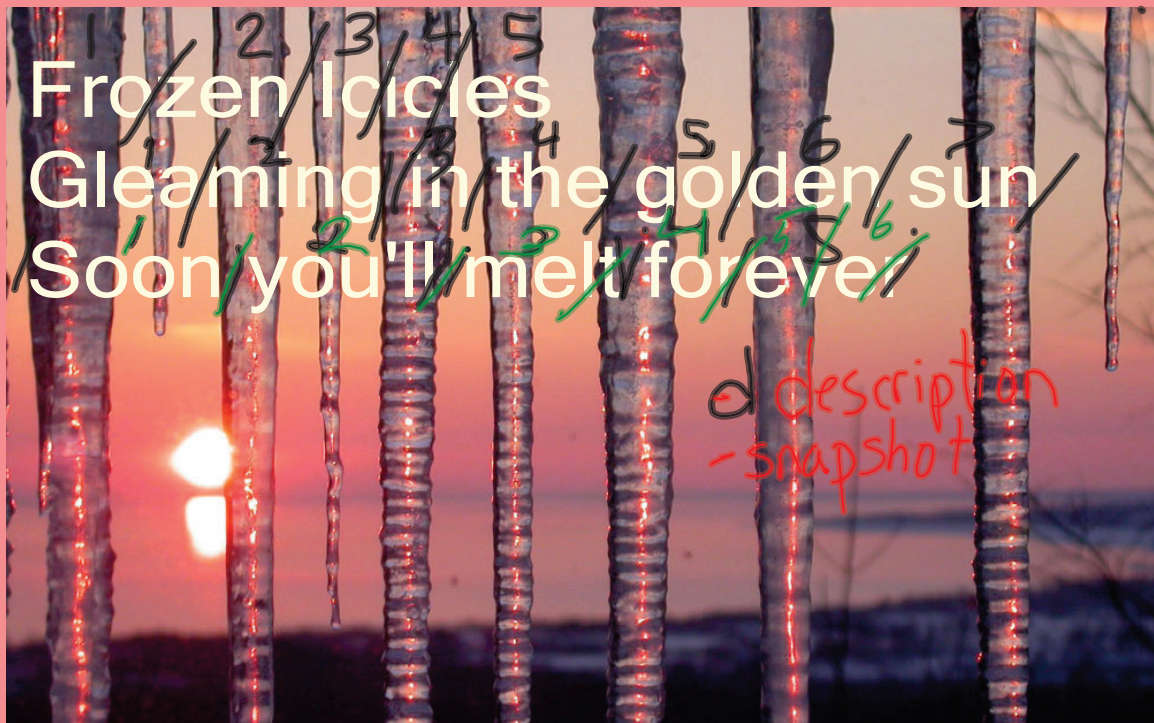
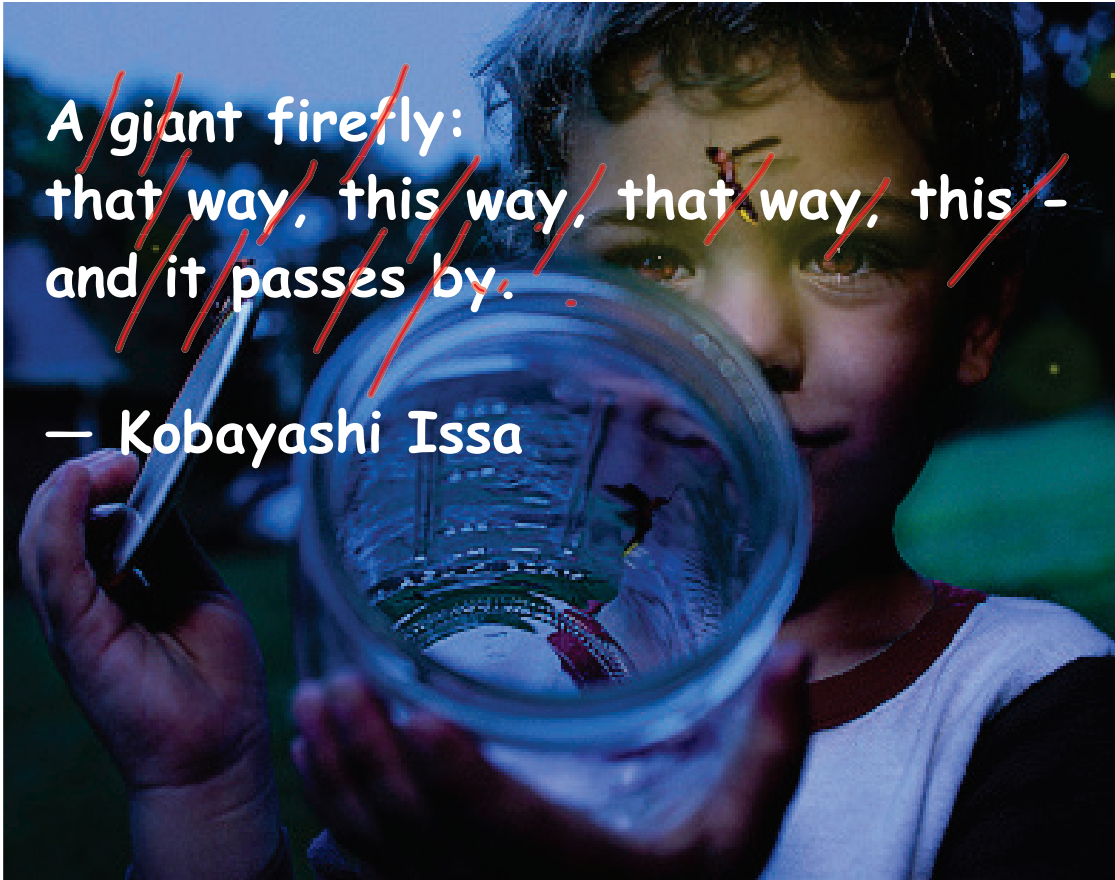


# Haiku





## Syllables

A syllable divides a word into sounds. Count or clap the syllables in each of the following words and write the number of syllables on the line.

cat 1

kitten 2

caterpillar 4

summer 2

moon 1

butterfly 3

flowers 2

volcano 3

# Haiku

A Haiku is a kind of Japanese poetry. Although the English interpretation is slightly different, we still try to follow a similar formula of the traditional way.

A Haiku has a 5-7-5 pattern. It traditionally contains a kigo (season word) representing the season in which the poem is set, or a reference to the natural world. For example, cherry blossoms indicate spring, snow indicate winter, and mosquitoes indicate summer.

Kigo



# Haiku

5 syllables describing topic

7 syllables of sensory impressions

5 syllables looking back on the topic now that it is behind

In the cicada's cry

No sign can foretell

How soon it must die.

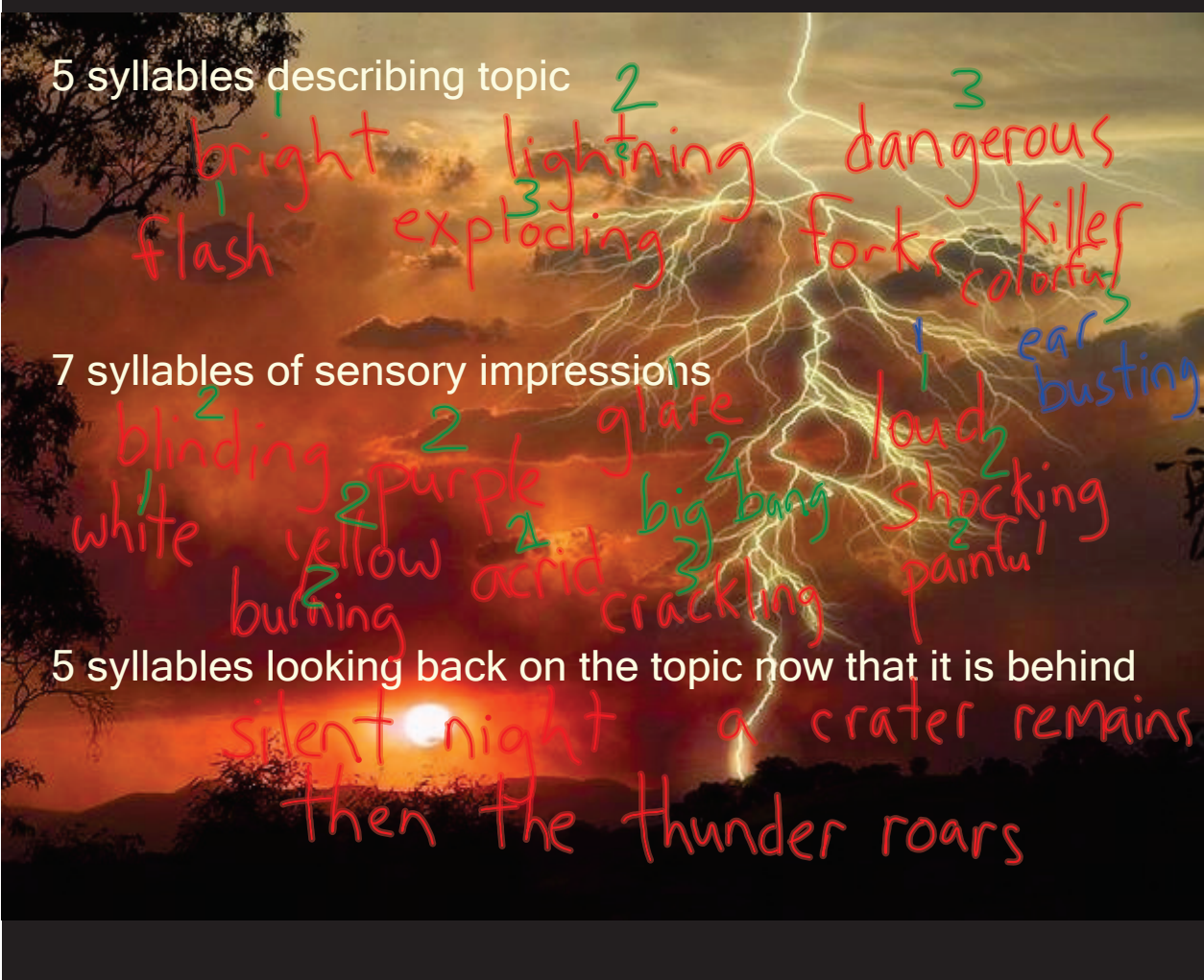
- Matsuo Basho





Lingering Rainbow ↙  
Colours made of sunshine's rays  
Beauty after rain

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5 syllables describing topic

bright lightning dangerous  
flash exploding forks killer  
colorful ear busting

7 syllables of sensory impressions

blinding glare loud  
white purple big bang shocking  
yellow acrid crackling painful  
burning

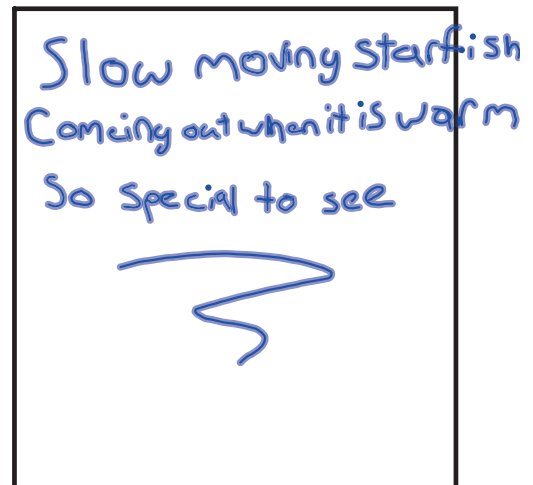
5 syllables looking back on the topic now that it is behind

silent night a crater remains  
then the thunder roars



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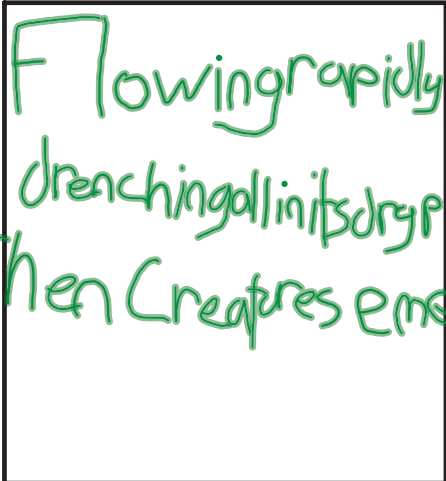
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UPON cold water  
Sharks are learking along  
Watch Your Self or else

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Flowing rapidly  
drenching all in its dry path  
Then Creatures emerge

## Structure of Haiku

The haiku is always written in 3 lines. Each line has a stipulated number of syllables.

The first line has 5 syllables.

The second line has 7 syllables.

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

— Kobayashi Issa

The last line has 5 syllables.

Press the boxes to know the structure.