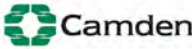




# fruit and vegetable haiku installation - Russell Square 5 July 2008

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## fruit and vegetable haiku: instructions

a haiku is a short poem arranged in three lines of just 17 syllables (5+7+5)

by tradition a haiku connects to the natural world and frequently includes a surprising twist of ideas

the spirit of haiku is simplicity, directness and beauty

we invite you to **grow your own haiku** to celebrate the continuous picnic and growing food in the city

**write it down** then **show it off...**  
hang it on a haiku tree in the park...

all shapes and sizes of haiku are welcome

and you can email your haiku to us: [growyourownhaiku@gmail.com](mailto:growyourownhaiku@gmail.com)  
all haikus will be posted on <<http://continuouspicnic.blogspot.com>>

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## your haikus...

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Sitting on my picnic blanket in  
Russell Square feasting with the  
birds

Bettina

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Elegantatron  
Vegetationatron  
Eaterellatasticity

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Asparagus shoots  
Fight to the light forcing green  
Javelins for us

Phil Whitfield

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Minimize a bunch  
Of black grapes. That's the way to  
Make a blackberry

Phil Whitfield

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Rhubarb, rhubarb, fool  
Rhubarb, rhubarb, rhubarb, fool  
Rhubarb, rhubarb: fool!

BOO 2

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Sunny skies, warm breeze  
Sitting in the park, watching  
A marvellous day!

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An apple core in a  
Crisp bag - will I find  
A hungry squirrel?

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Be happy  
Stay alive  
Dream Sweet

Poppy

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It's easy peasy  
to eat five a day only  
when the five are peas

BOO

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Moments in the sun  
Away from the bustle, Ahhhh!  
City of contrast

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I like orange veg.  
Roasted, toasted, in a pie  
with watermelon.

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On my vegetable plot  
Grow five traditional  
fruit producing trees

Andrew

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Andy has new shoes  
They're pointy for his big toe  
It's the middle one

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The crispy leaves crunch  
The honeysuckle perfumes  
A breeze sweeps the air

J.Silver

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Haikus are easy  
But sometimes they don't make sense  
Refrigerator.

Caspar Smyth

## your haikus...

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Let us grow on  
these lawns not  
lie on these lawns

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five words elude me  
seven like leaves on water  
drift out of my reach

Liz Chadwick

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I like my sandwich  
it's got ham and cheese in it  
yum yum very nice

Pete

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Grass over the road  
Grass in your hair, mouth and nose  
We're putting down roots

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Please lets dig up the lawn and grow  
vegetables in Central  
as we did in the past

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I need a lot of strawberries  
Thank you

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Sushi and mango for tea  
The pink and the orange  
Sunset explosion!!

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Golden flower opens  
Welcomes sun and bee  
Forms fruit or falls and dies

JN

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beetroot for dinner -  
sticky mess on baby's smile;  
lipstick tastes better.

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Blue tomatoes love  
Yellow potatoes.

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Virginia's single  
Bloomsbury digs: no room to grow  
scarlet runner beans

N.Mattson

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Cardboard for breakfast  
But chemicals for lunch too  
Mother nature is crying

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Adui me ha salido un verso  
Sin mayor esfuerzo

[Here has bubbled up a verse  
Without any great effort.]  
Translation by P. Nicholson

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Cherries are red  
Berries are blue  
Aubergines are too!

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After a few drops of rain  
The grass is growing now  
And the sun doesn't shine in vain  
It is good for the cow

Marcus

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What vegetable  
sounds like a Japanese verse?  
A haiku cumber.

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A head of cabbage  
Won't help with any answers  
But an apple might

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## your haikus...

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Blossom like you do  
Make London green, red and blue  
Feed our hearts with you

L. Oregon

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Don't think it is obscene  
To eat wonderful green beans  
True fibre is vegan

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We who live around here have NO  
GARDENS  
TO GROW FOOD in  
dig up the square

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Greenbelt slash and burn  
The city loses its lungs  
Plant a tree and breathe

Ray, age 11

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Tomato yellow flower  
Delicious fruit  
With seed cycle is complete

JN

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Fruit and veg  
Are good  
For you. So do.

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Strong breeze blows the trees  
Clouds pile up high above us  
I'm wearing flip flops

James Ross

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I won the race  
and hit my good friends face  
hooray for London

Jaimie Bowen

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Our cherries are nice  
They're cleansing our palate  
after a burger

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If we don't eat greens  
We'll get scurvy  
And that's not my cup of tea, lad!

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Please can we have some soil in the  
square  
Instead of pine bark  
It grows nothing

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I've got wellies on  
I splash in a big puddle  
My feet don't get wet

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Jasmine, grass and Jazz  
Bread and cheese and raspberries  
Love razzamatas

Pat Jones

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Concrete celery  
grows green out of the urban  
colourless quagmire

Malcolm Povey

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The hills are alive -  
with the sound  
of veggies!

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## your haikus...

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Dans ce vert  
leve ton verre  
aux vers de terre

[vers de terre =  
earthworms]

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The wind is blowing  
The sun cuts across the park  
I am out of here

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What rhymes to carrot?  
It's probably a parrot.  
So eat your carrot!

Bertolt

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happy days with fruit  
but vegetables are tasty  
and you can grow them

Sonia Connor, age 7

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We're from Vancouver  
You have a nice little square  
Keep up the good work!

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Russell Square Garden  
Visitors from Glasgow don't  
know what's happening

Bryony Small

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fruit and vegetables  
green goodness  
green heart

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I watch it, light  
in my life, a moment  
of pleasure, I feel lite.

Alasdair

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Nature is our gift  
Do not be part of the rift  
So love your garden

Mark

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Why are apples green  
And not black, blue or purple  
Because we eat them?

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Broccoli is great  
But spinach is much better  
Ripe is the pumpkin

L. Wadey

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Please give us local people,  
ground to grow fruit and vegetables

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Summer's green flavours  
we are parts of this picture  
scent of ancient trees

Manu and Karrell

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People look confused  
writing these silly poems  
They have no ideas

Simon

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## your haikus...

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People passing by,  
see the small tree so futile,  
lest it grow and help

Anne-Lise Bloch

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Our sustenance depends on nature  
Capitalism separates nature from  
people, ecology from economy  
To sustain freedom grow food.

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Red, red tomato  
Who would have thought it could be  
at birth you were green

David Petrasek

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Different colours,  
fruits and veggies may have but  
all share the same heart

Anne-Lise Bloch

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I want to be a dragonfly  
who wishes that the rain goes by  
to be happy again!

Ror + Laura

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I am a fatman  
I like a larger woman to dinner  
Trouble is she won't fit in the pot!!

Ror + Laura

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Kissing Bunny now  
wind blows through the trees so tall  
children play life's good :)

The cucumber house  
Is not edible, alas  
Why it's called gherkin?

Thomas

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Grass is greener on the other side  
They say  
But if it were up to me, they would  
peek on my side

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Gay pride and hot day  
takes small journey  
in green square

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Life is precious  
From the moon the Earth can be  
obscured by a thumbnail,  
let's look after it, let's not fail,  
we are here to look after life  
Forget the war, the pain, the strife,  
LOVE everyone from everywhere  
embrace life now, if you care X

Tom

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In darkness nothing  
But when light shines upon it,  
the true beauty shows.

Anne-Lise Bloch

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Green is natural thing so far  
Save the green to save life  
The world is nothing without greenery

Mehali

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## your haikus...

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Me boyfriend likes me mango  
He also likes my mothers watermelons  
We don't speak any more

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Russell Square fountain

The square is bounded  
by shade-loving planting and  
sun lifts the water.

"muted"

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Families on greens  
Hoping for the Earth's future  
Visiting today

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Pistachios, dips and raisins  
Sun, sky and blue

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I like eating fruit  
Vegetables are OK too  
Pasta makes me pooh

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Andy

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