

## Haiku Writing Exercise

Haiku writing exercise is a usual activity given to the students of Literary Club. The students often respond enthusiastically to this practice. It is done through several phases. At the outset, haiku and its traits are introduced to the students. They start writing it gradually. The club published a campus anthology of haiku in 2016 as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the college.

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry made of short, unrhymed lines that evoke natural imagery. Haiku can come in a variety of different formats of short verses, though the most common is a three-line poem with a 5-7-5 syllable pattern.

Many students have opined that writing a haiku is like solving a mathematical problem. Practicing the format is a good way to learn strategies for making words fit. At the beginning, students are rarely concerned with finding the perfect images or words. Instead, they simply focus on practicing the haiku structure and choosing words with the right number of syllables.

Steadily, they start pondering over what surprised them, what moments moved or inspired them, and what emotions defined the day's events.

Haiku writing exercise, in fact, improves the linguistic skill of students apart from developing sharp observation and clear thinking.

In brief, haiku writing exercise is both a delightful and intellectual activity designed by Literary Club.

### Select Haiku Written by Students

*And into the woods I moved,  
Amidst the chaos  
To find my soul unknown. (Farzana)*

*You can call me rain  
for all I seem to do is  
always fall for you (Sandra )*

*Let us escape  
From the hands of reality*

*To the deep deep blue.( Nida Mariyam)*

*On my seesaw  
Hardships and happiness  
having fun. (Nida Mariyam)*

*Island life-  
A piece of silent land  
Surrounded by sea (Zaheer Ahammed N.)*

*The lamp of hope  
At the east  
Keeps me alive. (Zaheer Ahammed N.)*

*Drops of tears  
Making rivers  
At my dried cheeks. (Zaheer Ahammed N.)*

*Happy or sad  
Someone queried  
"No idea" mind replied.(Amina N.)*

*The unchained devil  
Walking through my dark soul  
Luring me into the gates of hell. (Ayisha Abdul Azeez)*