

Traditional Haiku for Discussion*

Ancient Haiku

A whale!
Down it goes, and more and more
up goes its tail!
--Yosa Buson

An old pond!
A frog jumps in-
The sound of water.
--Matsuo Basho

Modern Haiku

Smell of salt water
Seagulls soaring in the sky
Shadows on the sand
--David Yuen

Wildflowers bloom
Reaching up for the sunlight
In the lonely field
--Angela Russo

a snail carries his
House for protection against
Grandma's spray bottle
--Kai Terayama

Rain on a tulip
Like a diamond necklace
fresh and glistening
--Rachel Wright

Clouds gray and waiting
Quiet trees missing their leaves
Swings sad and alone
--Anatoly Rodriguez

Lonely Little Frog
Sitting On a Broken Branch
Watching the Flies Glide By
--Kristi Schartz

Gone are the forests
it's now ugly at its worst
the animals disappear
--Loh Zixiang

Underneath the sea
Corals, thousand different hues
Attracts creatures.
--Jamaira Olkeriil

*Please note that these are not all written in the five-seven-five syllable format.