

Travels, Observations, and Prayers

Poems

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Chapter 6

A HANDFUL OF HORRIBLE HAIKU

Why Can't Parents See?

Why can't parents see
that kids just don't understand
the simple word "Shhhh!"

For Bob Marley, John Lennon, and Jimi Hendrix
(Written while listening to their music, 3/14/03)

Heroes die too young
And we really don't know them
Until they are gone

Mousies

(Written at home with the help of my cats--2/19/03)

Ten little mousies
scuffling across the floor
Cat stalking my feet

Ode to Fast Food

(Written at a local restaurant 9/20/03. Originally published in Whetstone, Issue 25)

Fast food is so good
always served up hot and fresh
Oh! My arteries!

Dharma Kitties

(4/30/06 while reading "Dharma Bums")

Little Dharma Kitties
sitting at the window
contemplating the Great Outdoors.
What else is there to do?

A Leaf (home—7/18/04)

Every time I see

A leaf fall silently down,
My heart follows, too.

Signs of Spring

Signs of spring are here
Motorbikes are on parade
even in the rain.

Rain

(This was originally published in Whetstone, Issue 25)

People bow their heads
as if in silent prayer
against the cold rain

Outside My Window (I)

(This was a series of haiku that I wrote, experimenting with a single first line. Many of them are bad. These three are a little better. The first was originally published in Whetstone, Issue 25)

Outside my window
leaves are falling to the ground
crunchy kid magnet

Outside My Window II

Outside my window
the city bus pulls away
leaving the old man

Outside My Window III

A crisp fall evening
old man is walking his dog.
Companions for life.

Winter Wind--(Watching people outside a restaurant--1/9/10)

The cold winter wind
drives the young lovers closer together.
They're not complaining.