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- HAIKU OF THREE WORLDS -

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INTRODUCTION:

..... " THE COOL WIND
COMES FROM HERE AND THERE
IN WAVES "

- KOBAYASHI ISSA

HAIKU IS A JAPANESE FORM OF POETRY - A VERY
PRECISE SEVENTEEN SYLLABLE POEM - "A MINUTE SEED
FROM THE HEART MADE UP OF MYRAIDS OF WORD
LEAVES". IN CONTENT, THE UNRHYMED LINES OF
FIVE, SEVEN AND FIVE SYLLABLES RESPECTIVELY, IS THE
SHORTEST AMONG TRADITIONALLY ACCEPTED FORMS
OF JAPANESE POETRY AND IS CONSIDERED ONE OF
THE HIGHEST ART FORMS. LATELY IT HAS MET WITH
FAST GROWING, POPULAR ACCEPTANCE IN THE WESTERN
WORLD.

ASIDE FROM SYLLABIC STRUCTURE, HAIKU IS SUBJECT TO
A NUMBER OF RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UPON IT. MATSUO
BASHO, THE GREATEST OF JAPANESE HAIKU POETS,
IMPLIED THAT EACH POEM SUGGESTS RATHER THAN EXPRESSES
AN IDEA. EACH THOUGHT OPENS A NEW WORLD AND GUMPS
INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE HUMAN HEART. IT REFLECTS
AN AWARENESS OF BEAUTY AND TRUTH IN THE WORLD OF
OUR DAILY EXPERIENCE AND IS PRODUCED THROUGH DELICATE
OBSERVATION AND MEDITATION. FREQUENTLY THE THOUGHT



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..... HAIKU OF HAWAII

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..... HOW OFTEN I HAVE SAT
WATCHING YOU FROWN SHADOWS
HALEAKALA

..... FLUTTERING PALE WINGS
FRAIL GINGER MOTHS FLY, GHOSTLY
PATTERNS IN THE NIGHT.

..... WHAT 'COQUETTISH MAIDS!
BATHING IN MIST, HILD HILLS
SPLASH MORNING RAINBOWS.

..... CRIMSON POINSETTIAS:
STAR EPAULETS PROUDLY WORN
ON BLACK STONE SHOULDERS.

..... WIND WAVES BLOWING
WANDERING HITHER AND YON
MOCK MY LONGUENESS.



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..... MOON, LORD OF THE NIGHT
FURIOUS; BRAZEN HUSSY
SUN, HAS WINKED HER EYE.

..... WITH PROUD DIGNITY
PALE MOON RETREATS; MORNING SUN
WAVES ITS SUNBEAMED FEET.

..... BLUE-HULLED FISHING BOATS
CREST SUNTOUCHED WAVES.... COURAGEOUS
VIKINGS OF THE SEA.

..... TELL-TALING RIPPLES:
CURIOUS PINK-CRABS SNATCH AT
BUBBLES FROM THE SAND

..... KOOLAU RAIN RAGES -
SMITING THE LAND, IT FLATTENS
FIELDS OF TASSELLED CANE.



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..... HEAVY WITH FRAGRANCE,
YOU CARRY A PRECIOUS LOAD
TINY JASMINE FLOWER

..... MAJESTICALLY -
SUN SWEEPS UP FROM CRATER FLOOR
LATE FOR HIS RAIN SHOWER.

..... SHORE LOVIN' MANINI:
RAINBOWS CIRCLING BLACK LAVA ROCKS -
A MOVING GIRDLE.

..... BUDDHA SITS BROODING,
REFLECTING THE OPPULENCE
OF JADE CRESTED SEA.

..... GIANT WAVES BREAKING WHITE
CHALLENGE THE BRAVE TO RIDE
IN THE "SPORT OF KINGS"



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..... WIND IN THE HALL
ETCHES BLACK AGAINST WHITE SAND -
MOVING SHADOW SHOW

..... FOOTPRINTS STRETCH TO DAWN -
BLUE WAVES SEND TUMBLING SAND
EVIDENCE NOW GONE

..... WIDE SEAS, STARRY SKIES -
NO COLD EARTHLY PLOT FOR ME !
LET MY ASHES FLY

..... TIARA OF DIAMONDS
CROWN MY HEAD - 'NEATH TROPIC SKIES
I SEEK NO FORTUNE.

..... OUCH ! ROSE, YOUR MESSAGE
OF LOVE CARRIES OMINOUS
NOTES OF HIDDEN THORNS...



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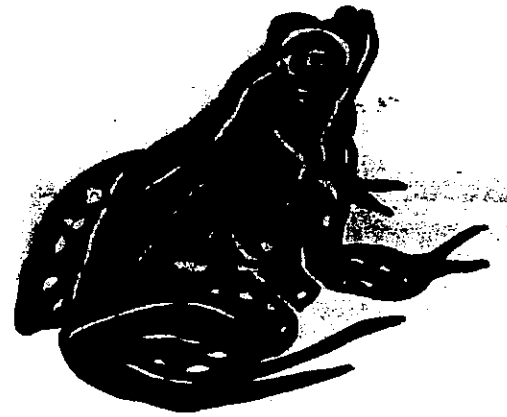
..... PINK PLUMERIA!
TRADING ITS PUNGENT PERFUME
FOR A SOFT CARESS .

..... MANES FLUNG TO THE WIND
WHITE STALLIONS FLECKED WITH FOAM,
LEAP GLADLY SHOREWARD .

..... BEHOLD A RAINBOW!
SPANNING THE CORAL - REEF FISH
SWIM IN HARMONY.

..... WIND SPANKED FOR MISCHIEF
A WHIRLWIND OF BREEZES MEET
TO PLOT THE MORROW .

..... SEARCHING CANYON CRACKS,
PROVOKED TO FURY - KONA STORMS
SCATTER GINGER FLOWERS .



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..... SURF, YOUR BARITONE
IS TUNELESS CAN YOU SING A
TENOR SERENADE ?

..... WISTERIA HARPS:
PURPLE STRINGS PLUCKED BY A CHOIR
OF STRIPED HONEYBEES.

..... MANOA, SLEEP DEEP!
YOUR LEGENDS LIVE IN MIST AND
SEVEN WATERFALLS.

..... SOFT AND GENTLY COOL,
A ROPE OF YELLOW PETALS,
ILIMA LEI.

..... MONOTONOUS DRUMS
SHROUD THE SOUND OF MARCHING FEET -
KINGS WALK THE VALLEY !



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..... HAIKU OF THE ORIENT

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..... THE BLACK POND'S ASTIR
BULL FROGS CROAK A HIT PARADE
HIDDEN UNDER FRONDS.

..... SAUCY PARASOL !
THE BULL FROG HAS CHOSEN WELL -
YELLOW DAFFODIL .

..... MEN AND BUTTERFLIES
FLIT LIKE THOUGHTS OF THE MASTER
FROM BLOSSOM TO DUST.

..... TITAN - BREASTED BIRD
VIES WITH CHICKADEES -
SUCH FRIVOLITY !

..... PAVE BLUE IRIS BUDS
HURL SHARP SPEARS THRU SODDEN GROUND
DROWNING IN THE SKY.



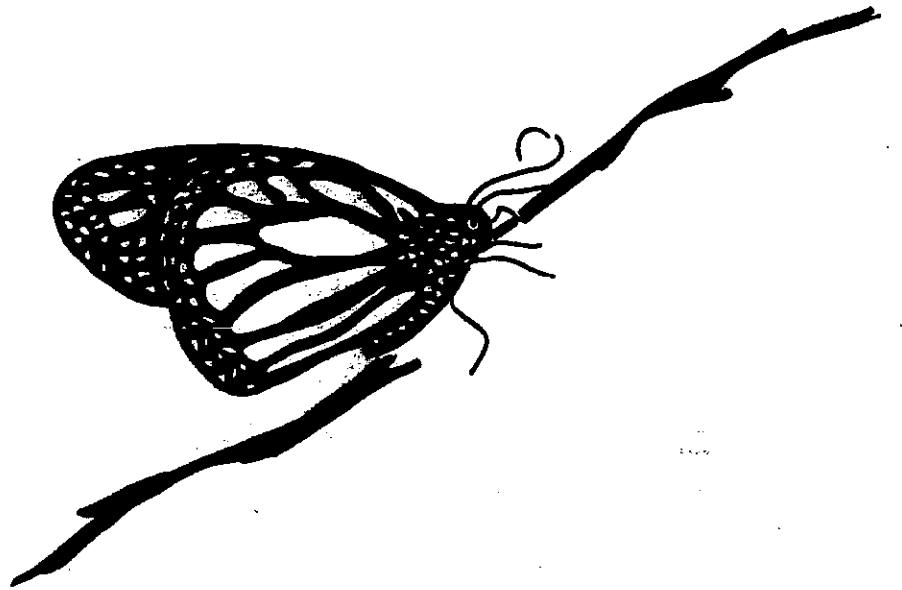
..... NO ONE IS CRYING
'CEPT THE WILLOW ; WHY SO SAD ?
NO BIRDS CONSOLE YOU...

..... GOLDEN BUTTERFLIES
BRIGHT FLAMES FLICKERING AT DUSK,
DANCE A WIND-BLOWN TUNE

..... PINK-PETALED HEIRLOOM :
TRADED FOR A CHEST OF GOLD
PEONY DIVINE

..... BEARDED LIKE A SAGE,
ROYAL PURPLE ROBED IRIS, ARE YOU
A POOR MAN'S ORCHID ?

..... BUNKING FIREFLIES
HAVE YOU MASKED YOUR PALE FLAME ? LO!
THE SPARK BURNS AGAIN



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..... SPIDER DEFTLY DURNS
FRAIL SILK COBWEBS NEWLY SPUN
WOULD HIS SKILL BE MINE !

..... PINES EMBRACE THE SKY —
JEALOUSLY THE MOON PREVAILS
ON THEIR PRIVACY.

..... MY MELANCHOLY
DEEPENS WITH THE DRIFTING SNOW...
CRICKET CHEERS ME NAUGHT.

..... CHERRY BLOSSOMS FALL
LAYING A PINK PETAL ROBE
OVER GRAY. SLEEPING CAT

..... MONARCH OF THE AIR
HAS FOUND ULACS IN MY HAIR
BREATHLESS I STAND





..... HAIKU OF CANADA

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..... TWO BUTTERFLIES DIP,
WEAVE, DANCE A FLOWER POLKA,
CRICKETS CHIRP THE BEAT.

..... SCARLET ELFEN STEEDS -
SNAPDRAGONS BREATHING GOLD FLAMES
WAIT EXPECTANTLY.

..... 'TIS DUSK ROOSTING TIME!
CLUTTERING HENS ARE STILL; THEIR
ROOSTER CROWS AT DAWN.

..... MAGIC POOL MIRROR
SHINING DEEP AND DARK; A FROG
DIVES - BREAKING THE SPELL.

..... MOUTHS SPLIT OPEN WIDE,
'TIS HUNGER - NOT MIRTHFUL GRINS...
BABY ROBINS CRY.





.....BLACK CROWS TRADE STORIES
OVER FARMER'S RIPENING CROPS,
EACH OBSERVES THE OTHER

..... LO, BEHOLD! GRASS RINGS;
MAGIC SIGNS FAIRIES ARE NEAR,
FUCHSIAS TRAIL THEIR WANDS.

..... TREMBLING THISTLE DOWN
WAVED SKYWARD BY THE BREEZE
SPACE SHIP FANTASIES ...

..... RED LIPS, PETAL HIPS,
SPRING POPPIES LIFT THEIR ^{CHERRY} FACES
FOR THE BEES TO KISS.

..... I SIT IN SILENCE -
ROBIN PARADES FORTH HER YOUNG
SCHOOL DAY HAS BEGUN.



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..... BUDS FOLD PETALS CLOSE,
TOO BASHFUL TO RECEIVE THE
HUMMINGBIRD'S CARESS.

..... A MOONSTRUCK CROAKER!
PARTING THE POND'S GREEN FRINGES
BULLFROG GRUNTS HIS LOVE.

..... VEIL-COVERED ROSES
GATHER SICKEN PETAL SKEETS
TRAILING IN THE MIST.

..... MEDITATING DEEP
SILENT, WISDOM FURROWED BROW-
TAO-SEEKING OWL.

..... LOOK, GEESE ARE WRITING
A STRANGE ALPHABET ON THE
BLUE PARCHMENT SKY.



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..... HUNGRY CROWS PICK CORN
'NEATH THE SCARECROW'S PASSIVE FEET,
HIS STRAW-LIFE WIND BLOWN.

..... BARNYARD CHANTICLEER,
DAWN'S MINSTREL WEARS MY PATIENCE
WITH IS VIGILANCE.

..... DAWN WAKER : 'TIS CLEAR
YOUR LOUD SUN-KISSED NOTES, DO NOT
TO MY EAR APPEAL !

..... SORROWFUL IN VOICE
CEDARS SING A LULLABY
CROWED 'ROUND MY FIRE.

..... SEEMS TO ME, ROBIN'S
RICH RED VEST BELIES HIS MATE'S
POOR CALICO DRESS.



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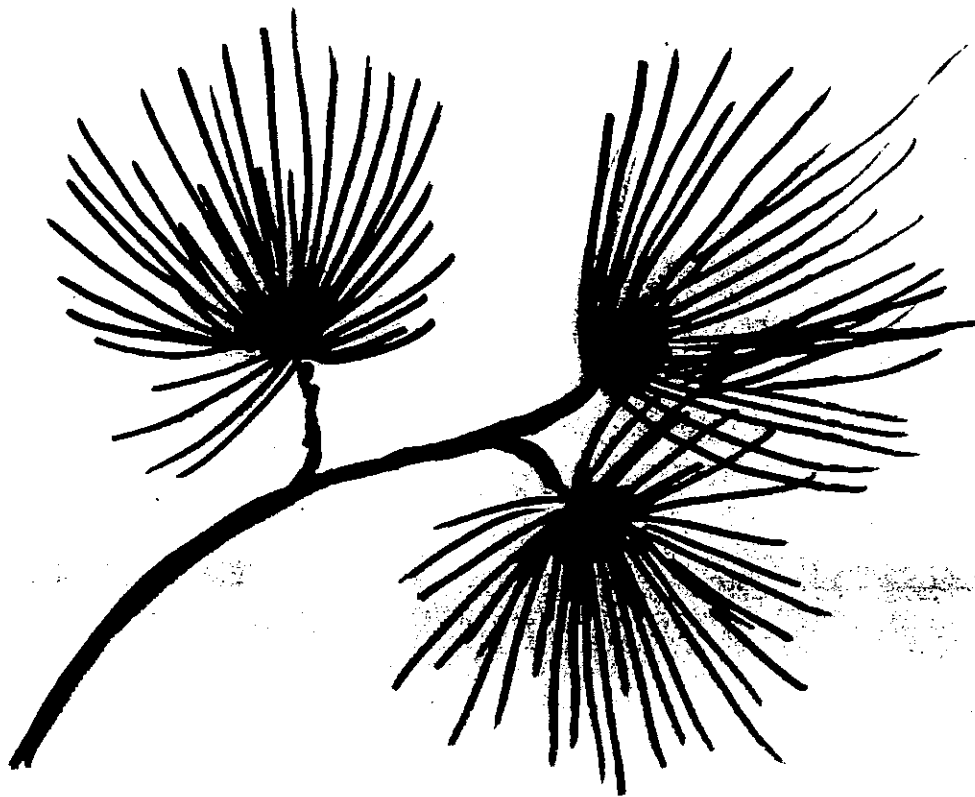
..... BROKEN SKY MIRROR
LO! HEAVEN'S FALLEN PIECES-
BLUE FORGET-ME-NOTS.

..... TAILS OF RED VELVET
HAS THE KITTEN ALL CONFUSED...
CHENILLE BUSH OR CAT?

..... WALKING UPSIDE DOWN
RED-CAPPED 'PECKER, VIEWS HIS MEAL
INTROSPECTIVELY.

..... MIRTHFUL HUMMINGBIRD:
YOU'VE TICKLED MAUVE HORNS TO TEARS
ON THE TRUMPET VINE.

..... TOO MANY TO BREAK!
RED HEARTS USE A FLOWER STEM -
WERE MINE ONE OF THEM.





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..... BLANKETED BY NIGHT
COTTONTAIL HOPS BY; DEATH'S WINGS
PLUMMET FROM THE SKY.

..... HATLESS IN THE SUN
RAGGED PANTS AND COAT UNDONE
SCARECROW'S STRAW IS SHOWING.

..... SNOWFLAKE SCULPTURES DRIFT,
THE MILKY WAY HAS FALLEN.
STARBUST COVERS ALL.

..... HOWLS PIERCE THE COLD AIR
FROZEN KNIVES OF TERROR — HARK!
THE PACK IS CLOSING.

..... TOKENS OF POWER
BORN BY ANXIOUS BEES TO PLEASE
ROARING TIGER LILY.



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..... COLUMBINE COMETS
POINT FACES TO THE STARS, TRAILING
RAINBOW RADIANCE

..... WINTER'S ENGINEER
MOUNTS WHITE SMOKE SPIRALS, RAISING-
LEADEN SKIES OF GRAY

..... COULD I BUT BORROW
FOR ONE HOUR, JACK FROST'S BRUSHES
DIPPED IN GOLDEN PAINT

..... WATER RINGS IN THE
POOL; BETROTHED AT LAST; COOL ARMS
ENFOLD THE LILIES.

..... SWEETPEAS FLUTTER WINGS,
TIP-TOED FOR RAINBOW FLIGHT -
ANXIOUS BUTTERFLIES.







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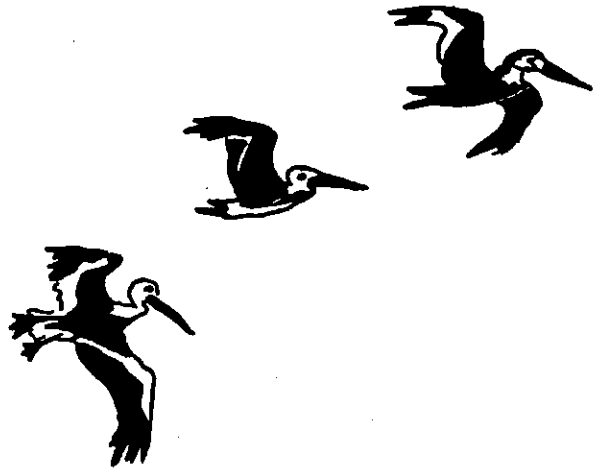
..... BLACK-ROBED BUTTERFLIES
SKY BEDOONS OF THE AIR —
PATHLESS TRAILS YOU SEEK.

..... STIFFNESS GONE FROM JOINTS,
CROUS SMOOTHS MAUVE VELVET SKIRTS
TIPTOES THROUGH THE SNOW

..... WHITE VAGABOND SAILS —
A SKY FLEET OF PIRATE SHIPS
RUN BEFORE THE GALE .

..... SKIPPING GRASSHOPPER,
GAMBOLING IN WEEDS, SINGING;
YOUR SONG SOON ENDED .

..... PATHLESS IS THE SKY,
NO MAPS DO WILD GEESE CARRY —
LOST ALONE AM I.



..... FATE HAS DECREED YOU
STARDOM! CLING NOT TO EARTH - SOAR!
PURPLE SHOOTING STAR.

..... TREE-SHAKING DRIFTER -
REBEL LAW BREAKER IS MASKED
PRAIRIE RUSTLER WIND!

..... BELLS PEAL, CRYSTAL NOTES
CALLING LIKE LARKS - "TIS SUNDAY,
RISE! ENJOY THE MORN!

..... SEARCHING FIELD TO FIELD
SEEK YOU DEW OR DAFODIL?
TROUBLED HONEY BEE.

..... GAY FLOWER GENII!
FLUTTERING FROM GLEN TO GLEN
GREETING VIOLETS.

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..... SHADOW HAUNTED RANGE -
GHOSTS OF THUNDERING BUFFALO
KEEP ME COMPANY.

..... BLACKFOOT AND SARCEE,
CHIPPEWA AND SIOUX - CLOUD GHOSTS
LAUNCH THEIR STAR CANOES.

..... THUNDER DRUMS PEALING,
UNMOORED CLOUD GALLEONS GIVE CHASE...
PIRATE STORM THREATENS.

..... PROWS PLOWING GRASS SEAS
RIDING HILLS OF GOLDEN CRESTS,
PRAIRIE SCHOONERS ROLL

..... GOLDEN - THROATED NOTES
SOOTH THE FLAMING DAWN; MEADOWLARK
CAN I SHARE YOUR BALM ?



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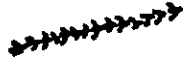
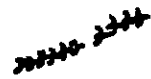
..... BRIGHT SHIFTING SHADOWS -
AURORA BOREALIS !
NIGHT'S NORTHERN RAINBOW.

..... HONKING GEESE BID FAREWELL
TO WOUNDED LEADER FALLING ...
DEATH STALKS THE RUSHES.

..... MAKING SPRING DEBUTS
CHASTE DAFFODILS PEEP FORTH - GOLD
PETAL SKIRTS BOUNCING

..... SHIVERING BRANCHES ...
AN ARMY OF STARS APPEAR
TO WRAP YOUR BARE ARMS .

..... FEATHER COMFORTER -
DOWN-FILLED DELIGHT - YOUR DEPTHS
REVEAL MY COLD NOSE .





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..... RED NOSE WET WITH TEARS,
LOST IN DISMAL FOG AND MIST
TUG BOAT CALLS TO SHORE .

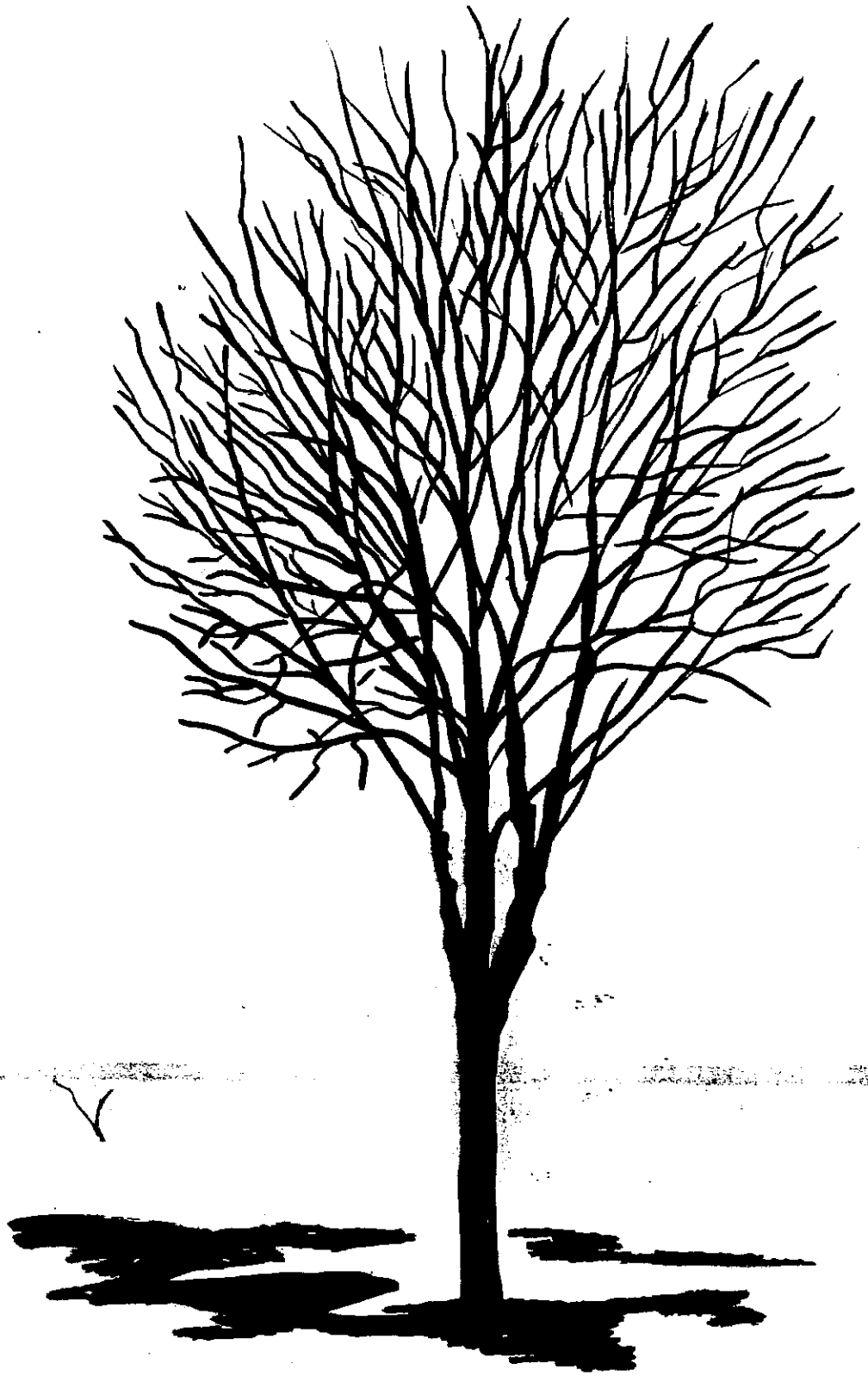
..... LISTEN TO THE GRIND!
LOG DRIVE JAMMED BELOW-TREES CRY,
DYING IN ANGUISH .

..... JEALOUS STORM WIND TEARS
AT PINE'S OUTSTRETCHED ARMS, BENDING
HER TO CALLOUSED KNEES

..... YELLOW AND BLACK MASKED BEE
PUNDERS HIDDEN POLLEN.... PALE
FLOWERS CRY - "ROBBER!"

..... EYEBROWS FURROWED DEEP
OWL STUDIES WISTFUL FACE OF
WISDOM-SEEKING MOON

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..... SMOKE DRIFTS HEAVENWARD
FADING LIKE THE DAY MY LIFE'S
AN AIMLESS WANDER.

..... SNAKING ZIG-ZAG FENCES
STEEL-BARBED GUARDS OF HOMESTEAD LANDS,
LOWER YOUR DEFENSE !

..... BEHOLD LIFE'S RICHES -
SAPPHIRE LAKES, DEEP EMERALD PINES
CLOTH OF GOLDEN GRASS.

..... SURGING WAVES OF WHEAT
BLEND AMBER WITH THE SUNSET
ALL IS GOLDEN SKY.

..... BARE AND BLACKENED HILLS
MAN'S UNSYMPATHETIC SPARK
SHOWS NO ONE MERCY.



..... CLOSED THEIR "HOOPS OF LIFE"
'BRAVES RIDE PINTOS 'ROSS THE SKIES,
EARTHLY JOURNEY ENDED.

..... WIND SOUNDS THE ORGAN -
PINES MOUNT PULPITS IN THE SKY
ROBED IN WHITE CLOUD GOWNS.

..... TAKE CARE! "LIFE'S BLACK ROAD"
MUST BE WALKED ALONE - FORKS STRETCH
BECKONING THE WEAK.

..... MAJESTIC THEY STAND -
SAW TOOTH RANGE AND RAZORBACK
CHALLENGE BIG HORN SHEEP.

..... PANSIES WITH BLACK MASKS
PARADE 'ROUND THE LAWN - WHERE IS
THE MASQUERADE BALL?

