

Haiku

A very short form of Japanese poetry



The Great Wave off Kanagawa, Katsushika Hokusai

I always loved this print because of the beauty and power of the ocean but my favorite part is Mount Fuji hidden in the waves. Here is my Haiku.

Beauty and Power
Great Wave off Kanagawa
Steady Mount Fuji

How to Haiku

1. The entire poem consists of just three lines, totaling 17 syllables
2. The first line of every haiku has 5 syllables
3. The second line has 7 syllables
4. The third line has 5 syllables. (Typically this line of the poem makes an observation)
5. Punctuation and capitalization are up to the poet, and need not follow rules
6. A haiku poem usually does not rhyme

I tried a few more...

Breathe in Peace and Love
Daily optimism dose
My medication

Wearing pajamas
Losing track of the hours
What day is today?

Your turn... Share your Haiku *#smilowhaiku* or by sending to Dana.Brewer@ynhh.org
Questions or ideas for future interactive projects? Contact me!