

Natalie Arkins, Co. Clare

frosty tips of grass
crows' tails
lifted to the sky

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Tony Bailie, Co. Down

rain on the window
an unfurling snail plucked
from its thrush-cracked shell

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cloud streaks
scarring the sky –
hounded wind howls

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Amanda Bell, Dublin

the midnight path
sparkles with frost –
fox crossing

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hiding in the vine –
grape-green eyes
of the white cat

cloud shadows scudding
on foothills above the bay –
mottled blue lobsters

white haze
of frost-laced windows –
cashmere layers

darting bird's foot –
the green clawed grapevine
grapples the trellis

Nollaig na mBan –
winter sun redecorates
the undressed tree

Nollaig na mBan: Women's Christmas in Ireland

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Paul Bregazzi, Dublin

overcoat shouldered
by the kitchen chair
last night's warmth gone

October laneway
a planetarium
of fallen apples

time-jumping chipmunk
you were there
you are here

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spring light
the shivering ivy
spits out a wren

nesting time –
the magpie returns
the branches to the tree

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Jim Burke, Limerick

kingfisher
gathering the mid-day sun
on its wet feathers

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Sharon Burrell, Co. Dublin

lichen
a thousand lines
in the rock face

autumn breeze
willows paint the water
emerald green

seaside park
cherry blossom petals
billow along the path

warm rain –
lily pads surrendering
to watery graves

summer breeze –
the load of
heavy-limbed poplars

heatwave –
two lighthouses exchange
hazy flashes

cemetery –
after rain, honeyed smell
of upturned earth

a rocking chair...
two fishing boats
nodding to each other

chilly morning –
geese in formation
over the Dart line

after the storm,
skeleton of umbrella
atop a road sign

depth of winter –
a train's headlights glowing
in the half-light

(first published in Bamboo Dreams Anthology of Haiku from Ireland, Doghouse Books, 2012)

autumn breeze
willows paint the water
emerald green

boat ride laughter moves along

(first published in Zilvervisje Glimt Anthology, Belgium, 2010)

morning stillness
the beating of a bird's wings
in the snow

sunrise after the storm
one golden apple left
on the bough

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John Oliver Byrne, Co. Wicklow

blackthorn tree –
down the old bog road,
old man with walking stick

walking westward
down the road
my shadow leading

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Andrew Caldicott, Wexford

eyeing the moon
from the pipal tree,
a magpie

empty gin bottle
reflecting the flight
of geese

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Patrick Chapman, Dublin

Debutante flowers,
red and white skirts hitched up,
waiting for a bee

Turbans d'Aladdin
promise treasure when you rub –
all that you can eat

Summer flowers die –
distilled into a droplet,
aphrodisiac

Raindrop on a wing –
a plant, denied full measure,
blossoms anyway

(First published: The Select Six website, 2007)

cherry blossom fire
kissing the garden
to sleep

(First published in Shamrock No 10, 2009)

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Marion Clarke, Co. Down

mid-morning shadow –
last dewdrop
rolls off leaf

midge haze –
a dragonfly skip jives
with its reflection

low tide at noon
in the dry rock pool
a limpet ticks

beach reading
tiny rainbows dance
on her eyelashes

(First published in Shamrock No 18, 2011)

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Bridie Conway, Co. Louth

September sun
warming the garden –
bees hum

(First published in The Quilt, an anthology of writing in Louth)

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Sophia Conway, Co. Louth

swallows dancing
together on a warm breeze –
fleeting romance

(First published in Asahi Haikuist Network, March 2023)

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Sean Costigan, b. Co. Kildare

beads of hail
peppering bonnets
gather round

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Louise Couper, Co. Westmeath

dead hen in the yard –
hawthorn berries
glow red

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Marie Coveney, Cork

crows on a bare branch –
ink-laden
brushstrokes

(First published in Shamrock No 23, 2012)

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Kara Craig, Dublin

rushes rise in clumps
from swampy ground –
a swarm of flies

clematis climbs over
the ancient wall –
a tower of pink petals

fronds lay over
tanned railway sleeper –
gardener waters weeds

balmy late-evening
restless child
holds a white bear

snow-capped mountain
in all its splendour –
hillwalker stumbles

wind picks up –
pink petals
under the wipers

birch's waxy buds –
a magpie collects
a dried twig

Jerm Curtin, b. Co. Cork

snow flickering
through darkness...
a holy candle

(First published in Shamrock No 11, 2009)

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Noel Duffy, Dublin

autumn day
the toaster humming
to nothing

honeycomb
honey and darkness stored
for the long winter

(both haiku first published in Shamrock No 16, 2010)

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Stephen Farren, b. Co. Derry

the fragrant orange
continuing to tarry
upon washed fingers

playing on water
almost touchable
sunlight

east wind –
smoke wrinkles
blue sky

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Orla Fay, Co. Meath

buds on the hawthorn tree
erupt –
aroused nipples

(first published in Shamrock No 22, 2012)

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Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Co. Dublin

wooden sea-shell
with an ear-hole –
whistling wind

(First published in Shamrock Haiku Journal, No 19)

© Diarmuid Fitzgerald, 2011

Anton Floyd, Co. Cork

waiting
in the sheaths of ice,
blades of grass

(IHS International Haiku Competition 2014 winner)

mountainside
waterfall pours
colonnade of light

(IHS International Haiku Competition 2015 Honourable Mention)

nightswim
in mountain water
touch of the moon

(IHS International Haiku Competition 2016 3rd Prize)

falling
through serrated leaves
tatters of light

(IHS International Haiku Competition 2018 Honourable Mention)

the cleared pond more sky falls into it

(IHS International Haiku Competition 2020 Honourable Mention)

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Ryan Fitzpatrick, Co. Kildare

midnight river –
flamingos drink
the stars

brown-green
and tawny lands –
a crow soars above

(first published in Shamrock No 11, 2009)

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William Gibb Forsyth, Co. Wicklow

storm clouds –
seaweed sways
as the seal passes

(First published in Shamrock Haiku Journal No 5, 2008)

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Mark Granier, Dublin

Our plane's shadow on
bright cloud – that other season
travelling with us

Only one figure
moves on the dark mountain, a
twist of rain-bright road

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Anna Grogan, Dublin

a touch of velvet
December sky
hanging low

Christmas Eve
blue lights on the trees
outline darkness

June rain
knifing through grass and clothes –
lightning stabs the sky

finches
chirp a high note –
asking, answering

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Trish Groves, Dublin

of the billion stars
this one
the dawn-bringer

professor's e-mail...
a man with such a large
vocabulary

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Mary Gunn, Dublin

trees in their
winter nakedness
revealing birds' old nests

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Carol Hannon, Co. Louth

blue petunias
faces turned
toward the moon

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Nick Hoffman, Cork

hunter's moon
she picks a name for
the bathroom spider

(Modern Haiku, 48:2)

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Patrick Hopkins, Co. Kildare

a bubble
blinks to existence
blinks out again

(First published in Shamrock Haiku Journal, No 11, 2009)

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Peter Kay, Co. Dublin

hold on, little ant!
a nettle leaf
breezes out to sea

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Susan Kelly, Co. Mayo

parched fields
a purple peak stabbing
the clouded sky

plummeting in a spiral flap
of flightless wings,
new-born chicks

(First published in Shamrock Haiku Journal No 6, 2008)

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Akagi Kobayashi, Co. Wicklow

sycamore leaves
in the wind
white wings catching the light

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Anatoly Kudryavitsky, Co. Dublin

sheep unmoved
in the green grass...
a slow passing of clouds

(the winning haiku in the Suruga Baika International Haiku Competition, Japan, 2008)

aspen in the rain
each leaf dripping
with the sound of autumn

(the winning haiku in the "Haiku Magazine" International Haiku Competition, Romania - Japan, 2009)

searchlight at the border
two halves of the
autumn sky

(runner-up in the Mainichi Daily News International Haiku Contest, Japan, 2009)

faces
exposed by the moonlight...
callas blooming

(honourable mention in the Mainichi Daily News International Haiku Contest, Japan, 2008)

war museum
two gas masks
staring at each other

(Best Senryu, Shamrock Readers' Choice Award, 2009)

calm evening
the voices of
birches and aspens

burning sunshine –
splashes of orange lichen
on the dam

frosty evening –
inside the church, stillness
and melting wax

floating moon...
but the stars have no home
in the water

(First published: World Haiku Review, Vol. 6, Issue 3, May 2008)

autumn wind...
I yearn for the place
from where it blows

after Minamoto Masakane (1079 – 1143)

(First published: Presence, 2006)

exploring a length of breath autumn wind

bamboo stems –
their memories
of the sun

(first published in Roadrunner, February 2007)

river mist
barges transport coal
in both directions

sunset in the park –
a man playing giant chess
against his shadow

icy beach
a child treads upon
broken bits of seashells

(first published in Haiku Scotland No 12, February 2007)

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Jessie Lendennie, Co. Clare

Late August stillness
long I gaze at the pear tree
one hand on the gate

(first prize at the Modern Haiku competition)

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Sean Lysaght, Co. Mayo

Main Street
the bright water dances
in a wheelbarrow

concrete hardened
with the print of a cat
who prowled here once, like me

(first published in Shamrock No 4, 2007)

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