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While many disparage the advent of glitches in our wired world, the only way to find solace and sanity is to return to the ancient teachings.

"Haiku", (a Japanese style of poetry), offers readers a way to experience the daily dilemmas of our digital community from a novel perspective.

So, for those of you who have no intention of going back in time or, unearthing the gold-leaf tomes in your basement, just tune in to the Happy Haiku Harridan for your daily dose of wonky wisdom.

Below are a few little gems by anonymous authors. I've also added a few of my own for good measure.

1. The Web site you seek cannot be located, but countless more exist.
2. Chaos reigns within. Reflect, repent, and reboot. Order shall return.
3. Program aborting: Close all that you have worked on. You ask far too much.
4. Windows NT crashed. I am the Blue Screen of Death. No one hears your screams.
5. Yesterday it worked. Today it is not working. Windows is like that.
6. Your file was so big. It might be very useful. But now it is gone.

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7. Stay the patient course. Of little worth is your ire. The network is down.
8. A crash reduces your expensive computer to a simple stone.
9. Three things are certain: Death, taxes and lost data. Guess which has occurred?
10. You step in the stream, but the water has moved on. This page is not here.
11. Out of memory. We wish to hold the whole sky, but we never will.
12. Having been erased, the document you're seeking must now be retyped.
13. Serious error. All shortcuts have disappeared.
14. Screen. Mind. Both are blank.
15. Silence. A strangled modem forgets -- that it should blink.
16. Behold the ego. It sits in glowing emptiness. Cursor be damned!
17. A dingbat flaps. Windows is crashing. Oh what a pity.
18. Dead PCs. Cube farms empty. Have you called 911 yet?
19. Morning spam. Harbinger of good and ill. "Norton" nixed them all!
20. He says a word. And I say a word. Upgrade chat to phrases.
21. Faceless 404 again. Lone pixel in the bit map. Welcome to 'Geekville'.
22. Oh the winds that blow – can you ask them – which file is next to go?
23. Alone, on the web. Where to now? Who moved my e-cheese?
24. A lightening flash across your screen. Windows closes. Dial 411 for Godot.
25. For love and for hate, I trap a bug. And offer it to Bill.
26. A golden bug. I hurl it into the darkness. Is "McAfee" working?
27. A dead Trojan Horse. And yet, isn't there something remaining in it?
28. Adjust your browser. Sorry, settings are gone. Try another universe!
29. Darkened screens – become modern grapes of wrath – reaping bitter whine.

30. On my screen, the frigging fish tank. Is that Tony Tuna I see?

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NOTE: These one-line-wonders adhere to well-established politically-correct plain language policies, comply with all equal opportunity humor legislation, and subscribe to the "best practices" embodied in the Safe Chortling Code of Conduct for Geeks, Nerds, and Dweebs.

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### **Are You Really Writing Haiku?**

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Haiku is originally a Japanese style poem, however it has changed into a favorite of many young adults. One problem though, most who claim they write haiku, generally don't. Haiku is a strict style of writing that consists of a 5 7 5 style, meaning 5 syllables the first line, 7 the second and ending it with 5. Haiku is also written in a way related to nature.

Many who claim they write haiku are in fact writing a whole other style. One style which is generally confused as haiku is cinquain. Cinquain, although closely related to haiku, consists of five lines instead of three. Cinquain is also written about an object and/or person and not nature specifically.

In order to write a true haiku poem, it must consist of three lines with five syllables in the first, seven in the second while the third and line consists of again five syllables. The poem must also be somehow related to nature, while using few words and expressing great emotion.

An example of haiku is:

"Darkness"  
Blackened evening sky  
Moon shifting across the darkness  
Waiting for the sun

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