

hai·ku
(plural hai·ku)
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short Japanese poem: a form of Japanese poetry with 17 syllables in three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables, often describing nature or a season. Also called hokku

[Late 19th century. From Japanese , shortening of haikai no ku , literally “not serious verse.”]

tan·ka
(plural tan·kas or tan·ka)
n

1. Japanese verse form: a five-line Japanese verse form in which the first and third lines have five syllables each and the other lines have seven syllables each. See also haiku
2. Japanese poem: a poem with a tanka verse structure

[Late 19th century. From Japanese , from tan “short” + ka “song.”]

po·em
(plural po·ems)
n

1. poetry piece written in verse: a complete and self-contained piece of writing in verse that is set out in lines of a particular length and uses rhythm, imagery, and often rhyme to achieve its effect
2. writing with poetic effect: a piece of writing that is not in verse but that has the imaginative, rhythmic, or metaphorical qualities and the intensity usually associated with a poem
3. beautiful or delightful thing: something particularly lovely, beautiful, or delightful

[15th century. Via French poème from, ultimately, Greek poiēma , literally “making,” from poiein “to make.”]

ha·kim
(plural ha·kims) or **ha·keem** (plural ha·keems)
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Muslim doctor: a Muslim doctor who uses traditional remedies

[From Arabic akīm “wise man”]

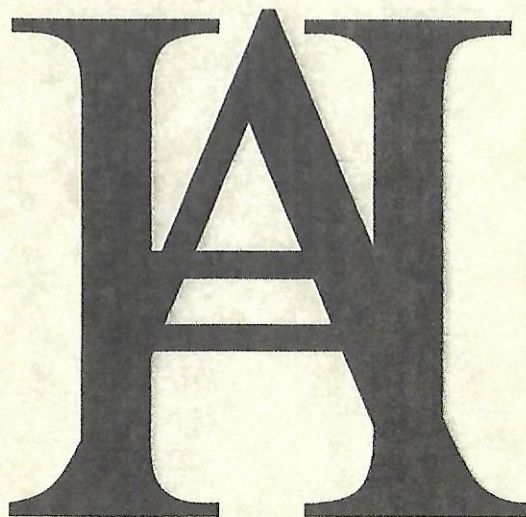
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SERENA WEARS BLACK



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HAKHEEM ALEXANDER

I have lost something
And I was dreaming of you
When I cried last night

So full was the dark
As if the sun was dying
Near the place I rest

Serena Wears Black....

Now you know it's true
For here is my first haiku
Written just for you

Three years of blood stored
A thirst not to be ignored
Now I want some more

As the warm wind blows
The scent of rose rides a breeze
Above the cold sea

Beneath a black veil
Blood red lips part for a smile
As the casket shuts

Hello there my friend
Asleep hiding from the sun
Rising in the night

Like a ghost spider
Crawling on the web unseen
Beauty fills eight eyes

Dark yet very soft
Her mood, her clothes, and her hair
Just like a shadow

After the rain fell
A light mist hung in the air
Fading into dusk

Language will be lost
Genocide and unity
Have made quite sure.

No one is afraid
Until the blood starts spilling
On white winter snow

Strong winds thin the clouds
And leaves scatter through the air
Art is such a breeze

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

The winter calls me
Like a beast with an iced heart
I embrace the cold.

A bed of roses
I dream of as I'm weeping
Standing in the rain.

Silver and gold stars
Sparkle in a frozen place
Until they explode

Streams of crimson glow
Like rubies in the sunlight
Falling from my eyes

Lovely is the tomb
Beauty rests in morbid gloom
Zero guards the room

Hands are bleeding raw
Ripped apart by Zero's paw
White razor sharp claws

If you were a ghost
I would love to be haunted
Until Hades called

With a fantasy
I am seducing myself
Each time I see you

No one believes me
But one day I will be gone
Dissolved by my pains

To the contrary
Inside the cemetery
'Tis not so scary

So full is the moon
And it will forever be
Shinning down on me

Like silvery lace
The moon shines upon your face
Lovely shadows' grace

Wicked angel fire
Burns within ignites desire
Sings this demon choir

Webs of silver shine
Traps of mirrors lace the vines
Hearts shall intertwine

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2

HAKEEM ALEXANDER

If the Black Widow
Gives the gift of poison wine
Why should I deny?

Good night butterfly
As one wilted rose decays
I sleep in my cave

I took a long walk
And though I tried to forget
I'm haunted by you

This place is a maze
Or am I just always lost
In this false ascent?

Please just stay away
I can't take this anymore
This bleeding inside

I dream of castles
Sitting right next to the moon
And I'll have them soon

Drain the pain from me
I'll sit quietly dying
If you'll just hold me

Singing nightingale
Nesting on the tomb of me
Celebrating life

The waves of the sea
Soak my face and my body
Drowning my sorrow

I've fallen so hard
That I've broken every bone
But will shed no tears

Peel some oranges
Taste the fruit inside of them
And swallow the seeds

With a single kiss
Bring your mind out of the dark
And into my light

This broken sunlight
Falls to pieces in my eyes
From a screaming sky

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3

HAKEEM ALEXANDER

A lonely stranger
Within a weeping valley
Cries himself to sleep

I will lay silent
Welcoming eternity
At the end of time

In an unmarked grave
The beautiful autumn leaves
Dancing above me

A naked Vampire / Princess
Dances on a frozen lake
Covered in my blood

I found a dead crow
And buried it in moist soil
On my way back home

A dying forest
In desperate need of rain
Smiles upon a storm

Is this a river?
Or have I waited too long
To cover my wounds?

My breath and my steps
Silent as a calm night's breeze
Walking on the shore

The cold bitter wind
Brings such comfort to my skin
While the Winter sings

There will come a time
When walking away from me
Will cause much crying

These dreams of freedom
Are more than just fantasy
And will soon arrive

The warm summer rain
Like the tears of an angel
Wash away my fears

Just like wild flowers
Growing freely in the rain
I have lost control

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

Look into my eyes
I hear your lovely screaming
Making midnight love

Intoxicating
Your scent is Heaven's flower
Breathing you inside

Breaking me apart
My pieces fall like snowflakes
Freezing as one soul

Beauty makes me cry
Like a weeping injured child
Stop making me cry

Many things are known
But none are as beautiful
As your lovely grace

I know of something
No one cares about sorrow
And death comes slowly

It's cold and so dark
Inside my apartment
I'm always alone

I've been led astray
I've completely lost my way
Up until this day

It's time to let go
I won't submit to your charms
And I may kill you

Heed my warnings true
It seems I'm in love with you
The sky is not blue

Raping my lost soul
Tearing out the evil world
Giving me freedom

All my hopes and dreams
Impaled by disappointment
I have grown stronger

Drinking from your kiss
Tasting poison on your lips
Draining your sweet bliss

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

If you have great pains
You can bury them with me
I'll be dying soon

I've tamed my anger
But still it's my enemy
It lives inside me

It would surely seem
That a soul in pain should seek
Shelter from the storm

I've fallen in love
I'm only staying away
Because I'm afraid

My skin is burning
And my shadow is dying
In the bright sunlight

May I have a kiss?
I don't celebrate Christmas
But I'd like that gift

I can't stand my dreams
Because they're beautiful
I've seen a whole new world
And it's unnatural

I feel a sinister rage
When looking at you
I'm being burned alive
'Cause I can't have you

Why don't you take it away?
So I won't hurt anymore
Sometimes I curl up in pain
On my apartment floor

Tell me how to escape
Because I don't know how
If I'm already in love
What am I feeling now?

In my old garden
A rose-bush is decaying
Leaving thorns behind

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

My dark Queen Angel
Flowers wreathed around your head
In my joyful dreams

Even when I die
I will walk this lonely earth
Searching for my love

Open up my wounds
Take away the pain inside
While quenching your thirst

With you holding me
As I step into darkness
I will have no fears

The storm is coming
I hope it will rain all night / day
Flooding my worn soul

Cry for me my dear
I long to taste your sweet tears
Kissed from your soft lips

Like a new-born star
I am seeing forever
When I look at you

Such fatal beauty
Sometimes my heart stops beating
Waiting without hope

My song carries on
Though I may never have you
I pour out my soul

My beautiful tears
Just like shattering crystal
Sparkle in the sun

Through a rainy sky
I watched a red sun setting
And my heart breaking

It hurts so badly
But I will accept my fate
And pass silently

Oh how beautiful
I have made my first poem
Bleeding on ashes

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

Poison floods my brain
Like a storm in the desert
Sand turns into mud

Sorrow defeats me
When I think of holding you
Knowing you're not here

Is it good or bad?
That I can not sleep because
I'm thinking of you?

My blood is draining
From the wounds on my heart
And I am dying

So now I am smiling
And enjoying this great pain
At the daylight's end

Yes I hate myself
And that is why I am dead
Sleeping on the floor

All love is now lost
I can not feel the sunlight
Drowning my pity

Into the altar
Preach your bloody painful life
Upon the beggars

I see nothing great
In the palace of riches
And the night begins

These are original
And can never be replaced
By any mortal

My love never dies
And I don't know jealousy
At least not today

Magnificent muse
Oh with your radiant grace
My dreams are haunted

Doing what is just
Leaving her to fly away
As he dies inside

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

The great stubborn King's
Lack of communication
Destroyed the palace

Follow the river
And you will surely find me
Weeping in the dark

She doesn't love me
It's just a game of comfort
That she is playing

Last night, as I cried
Myself to sleep,
Tears glowing in the fire light
Of a scented candle,
I heard the wind howling
Outside my window like
A mourning mother weeping
For her dead babies.
Lost as I was,
I found a thought...
Of you.

Pieces of heaven
Have been falling down on me
Like warm crystal rain
Ever since I first met you.
When will the storm come again?

I feel like crying
Every day of my life
And moments of joy
Never seem to remedy
The sadness that I'm feeling

Such boring courtship
Meaningless meant to impress
A terrified guest
Oh how amused she must be
With his attempts to please her

It hurts to leave her
Even though she starts to cry
I really must go

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9

My journey begins
From silence into darkness
Where all is nothing

Like a clock of doom
I can hear my heart beating
Count down to zero

My success is grand
But not more than the sorrow
That fights for my soul

I can now move on
Into a future of hope
Without my burdens

I've lost the sunshine
In my heart, everything has
Turned from light to dark

I have lost someone
But I don't need anyone
All I need is me

I must learn silence
Even though the pain is great
Let the lost be lost

When you are falling
I hope that a thought of me
Will help you to rise

I'm calling the shots
And they fire so rapidly
Some come back to me

My acre of diamonds
That I've worked all this time for
Is dull without love

Darkness is rising
And I am blinded by it
But I can still see

In desert winters
The frozen sands are like blades
Help me find the shade

It's like a shower
The way that the rain falls down
Drenching my gold crown

Looking into the night
I have realized that
I am powerful

Nothing holds me down
Even when I fall because
I am powerful

I am rising fast
Destroying opposition
I am powerful

Don't you realize?
Not even you can stop me
I am powerful!

Words can be erased
But the beauty of your face
Can not be replaced

I would hold your hands
But the shame of poverty
Takes my will from me

Oh how can this be?
You're so beautiful it hurts
And I love your pain

I know you want me
So what am I afraid of?
In this seduction

Please take me with you
In your dreams I wish to be
So desperately

Looking through your eyes
Your beauty is so alive
Underneath your skin

It is certain that
I was a powerful man
Until you arrived

What a flawless match
I am a creature of the dark
Lit by your bright flame

These are only words
But their source is your presence
Sinking into me

HAKEEM ALEXANDER

You have entranced me
I know you did not wish to
But still I am yours

Why are you so dear?
The reason you are perfect
Is that you are not

My face is burning
With tears of fire on my skin
I'm dying within

Please forgive my hands
But I am possessed of you
And can't stop writing

In time this will pass
Just as everything must end
So shall this dreaming

I held you once
When we were saying good-bye
And I almost cried

Lying in my bed
I hear music in my head
The songs of the dead

The taste of her sweat
When her skin was warm and wet
I'll never forget

Elbow and knee strikes
Aimed at my opponents head
Never miss the mark

Twisted steel and flesh
Decorate the asphalt streets
After the party

This timely demise
I see through my blood-soaked eyes
Comes as no surprise

Staring at your grave
I'm dying to remember
Our summertime love

From my sad midnight
I see the raining clouds fall
Swallowing the sky

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

Playing with sunlight
Energy flows in circles
And fills in my heart

The Jiu-Jitsu man
He tried to rip my wings off
In our match that day

Your beauty is true
But what is inside of you
That I should pursue?

The silence within
Must now manifest outside
And shroud my being

The more words I speak
Senses numb and then grow weak
So vague and oblique

Behind my power
There lies much greater power
Nothing more than me

I speak way too much
I'd rather live in silence
Than to waste my words

Death is beautiful
When a lover weeps in pain
And loves once again

Her children have died
And each morning is a grief
I can not describe

I am so weary
Being awake is pure pain
The same as my dreams

I need to create
All I want to do is sing
And write down these things

As I undressed you
With my eyes I made a dream
And you joined me there

My spirit crashes
Into the souls of the lost
As I journey home

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HAKEEM ALEXANDER

I feel like flying
Each time that I hear your voice
Singing out my name

I still remember
All the nights I cried alone
Waiting for my love

The scent of your skin
Reminds me of the spring bloom
Rising with the sun

The December breeze
Whispers chilling memories
Of the one I've lost

My soul dances
To the rhythm of your heartbeat
When you smile at me

My tears have fallen
To the center of the earth
Resting with the flames

I followed my heart
To the end of the rainbow
And there I found you

Forgive my sorrow
But my dreams are haunting me
And I'm still sleeping

Walking in the rain
I wonder why the Angels cry
For this lonely earth

On a summer night
The warm sweat feels like thick blood
Dripping from my face

Sadly I have found
In this age of illusion
Beauty means nothing

Obliterating
Responsibility
Dissemination

There's anger in me
There's so much anger in me
Oh so much anger...

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14

HAKEEM ALEXANDER

I am so consumed
Within my own hot passion
Burning with fever

Open up the pits
Where unclaimed corpses now rest
And dive to freedom

I make loud music
Heavy metal is my brand
Now I need a band

No God to worship
No creator I pray to
But I'm not faithless

I believe in me
And not in some deity
That I can not see

This is for you my dear
To cherish for many years
Through your hopes and fears

It is December
And I think of you each day
To hold to my smiles

This rainy weather
Will bring us close together
My dear friend never

Lying next to you
I listened to your poems
Being read to me

Sleeping in my arms
I feel your heart singing
Long into the night

Lost inhibition
Not thinking of tomorrow
Only this moment

Connected souls flow
Our bodies dance together
Just like forever

When the card is closed
Just guess what happens inside
How interesting

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15

Not everyone wants
To get right back up after
They have just fallen

The trees are golden
And the moon shines as snow
Where will I sleep now?

I sit in darkness
Silent and so unafraid
Why then do I weep?

I drew my sword first
And though my foe retreated
I still took his head

Nothing will stop me
I'll have everything I want
Smiling until then

Power in my mind
Manifests in my body
Awaking my soul

Let it burn away
Suffocating in your heart
Kill the angry flame

In the darkness stands
A hollow and empty man
With no escape plan

If I break your face
Will you keep the pace with me?
Inside of the ring

If I never left
You would still be smiling now
But instead you drown

Countless gold pieces
Lay drenched in the blood of men
Becoming "Red Coins"

There are two of them
And they both are real crazy
Who do I let go?

As I look upwards
The smog filled sky tells me why
The rain is burning

Some days when I rise
I pull great words from my dreams
Staining page after page

Red Coins they still are
Though they have been cleansed of blood
Have not men paid with life

They know not the rage
That dwells inside this strong will
Best that they do not

In the years to come
I will be looking downward
Upon those who lost

Greater I will be
Should I neglect petty fools?
And leave them to waste

Red Coins are funny
These riches we have are just
Blood covered money

Think about success
A mind burning with desire
Always delivers

Fear can not exist
Where the great obsession lives
To have great success

Perish all the thoughts
Of unworthiness and fear
And the world is yours

All of the treasure
That I do very desire
Is already mine

More than just great strength
I hold great keys to power
Which unlock the world

Nothing but greatness
Shall enter upon my mind
To drive my actions

I am transforming
And evolving everyday
Stronger to succeed

HAKEEM ALEXANDER

Ultimate power
Over my grand destiny
Resides in my thoughts

True application
Of the knowledge to succeed
Is at my command

Fear, doubt, and worry
Have now been conquered and slain
Perished forever

I may be gentle
But it may not be well known
I always harm flies

I seek great fortune
And the wisdom to acquire
The best from this life

Through dreams I do know
In victory I shall see
My enemies felled

The one that I love
Is now smiling next to me
Green eyed, brown haired girl

*Serena wears black
Each day of her life in black
Always wearing black*

*Too sad to notice
Never knew that it was me
Waiting to hold her*

*Took the easy way
Took the easy way out of
A life of all black*

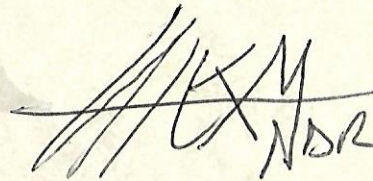
*Could I bring her back?
Should I bring her back to me?
In my memories?*

*Too blind too notice
Took the easy way out now
Serena wears black*

SERENA WEARS BLACK

AMET,

THANKS SO MUCH FOR
THE INSPIRATION AND GOOD LAUGHS
AND GREAT
CONVERSATION. YOU ARE
A TRUE ARTIST!

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