

# PeaceKnits 100 Haiku

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Community Art Event  
① Boab Book Cottage Garden

*In the end we all depend on creatures we have made*

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## **Creative Life – 2 haiku**

Blood red and ice white,  
purl and plain together: thanks  
for our warm-blood souls.

Whatever we're dealt,  
go with it – go with the flow:  
and keep it simple.

**PeaceKnits: How to...**

bring back together  
weave warp'n'weft those sent to  
war - those left behind?

**Wander and write...**

small haiku chapbooks  
to ponder and draw on while  
breaking rules in art.

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## **So She Knits**

Eye far horizons.  
Knit & weave distractions - take  
thought away from hurt.

## **Freedom sans wage slavery**

Post wage sand-drawing:  
tongue no longer tied; hand and  
mind not now mangled.

## **Fragments of the Dead**

You need to dig deep  
to bury your father – search:  
match puzzle pieces.

## **Why haiku?**

Short shrift poems help  
un-knot binding ties that keep  
us from finding peace.

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## **On Life, Art & Politics**

Art-full politics;  
sell-out within compromise:  
(p)arty discipline.

## **RUFREE?**

Welcome mental snaps.  
Seek liberating freedom:  
sweet "lose your mind" time.



**Were you there when...**

boats were turned away;  
when lives were lost at sea: our  
nation look'd aside?

**Naked Truth**

See otherwise: close  
all eyes to hear truth disclos'd, *sans*  
emperor's clothes.

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**R.I.P. Sacred Kingfisher**

One, so precious, life -  
held in our sight for what seem'd  
just fleeting moments.

**All things great & small@KidCare**

It makes us smile to  
see you make joyful noises  
and new world child-shapes.

## **Shadowing Woolf**

Like Virginia:  
Re-think life in poetry -  
condense, synthesise.

## **Unbridled**

Go outside your self  
to be a barefoot poet -  
out of your own way.

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### **Hapi Hapi Tok...**

'bout tings yu wanna do.  
Yu gotta hav wan drim -  
emi kamap tru.

### **Bagarap Empires...**

lie rusted in the  
sun - while infinite oceans  
pool up all our tears.

**Locus in Parentis**

Wedded then bedded.  
We bore equals, yet diff'rent.  
Tensions reared in love.

**Parenting Life**

We birth'd you both, loved  
you with non-binding diff'rence,  
for all your dear lives.

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## **2001 Boab Book Odyssey**

From twenty 0 1  
we collect works to shape and  
share ideas that count.

## **Longer Living Ledger**

To be or not to...  
ev'ry day in ev'ry way...  
be ... calm and fitter.

**Life-Patter**

Each day: Walk, read, play.  
Shed, sort, be *pian - issim -*  
o - pen to others.

**For giving**

All that I am, all  
that I have - been and may be -  
doled out in *haiku*.

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## **Love the Cold-Blooded**

Cold-toed, jump in to  
bed: with leggy love-in, we  
warm our hearts and hands.

## **Folding Cranes**

Sadako died in  
fifty five, just twelve years old:  
one thousand cranes down.



***I knit because I am: Part 1***

Row on serried row,  
forge on into the future,  
knitting at the ready.

***I knit because I am: Part 2***

Knit with others, for  
the injured: needle them to  
weave in health and warmth.

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## **I knit because I am: Part 3**

Knit, fast or slow, with  
mind-full ease: care less of  
ends than peace-full means.

## **T-therapy**

There is no trouble  
that can't be halved by sharing  
a good cuppa tea.

**Sum of Us**

Flesh pots all – we are  
who we are; just fluid sums:  
bodies bagged in skin.

**Still Bones sans Smile**

Before death we're still  
living in our face: smiles and  
mannerisms make us.

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## **All in the one boat...**

Live life *sans frontieres*:  
hold no one beyond the pale,  
our paling fences.

## **No Saints, Please**

We're all found wanting.  
We all have capacity, for  
good as well as bad.

**By the Pricking of Thumbs**

Let's prick and share our  
human-hood: globe's end if  
we limit hope, love.

**Contrary Notions: Part 1**

Love one another?  
No, to be loved, it seems, keep  
young and beautiful.

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## **Contrary Notions: Part 2**

For one another:  
they put life on hold: on the  
'line, self as other.

## **Contrary Notions: Part 3**

Cash'n'carry mode:  
allow yourself to care, be  
lov'd; be honest; still.

## **Deal with Publisher Failure**

So, I didn't make  
a final cut *haiku* print.  
Given short shrift, grow.

## **Less is More**

Where to draw the line  
between *haiku* and truism;  
and does it matter?

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## **On Personal Side Track # 24**

Two dozen years in  
public service – did that mean  
more, or less, achieved?

### **Tongue Ties**

Many thousand tongues  
tied in public service work:  
impartial to truth.



**Don't Trifle with Peace**

No pettifogging  
pomes allowed; no custardy  
quibbles in joke books.

**True Happiness?**

Happy are the poor:  
who mourn or show mercy - and  
still proceed in peace.

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## **Migrants All**

We are, all of us,  
displaced; either now, before or  
tomorrow: *one globe*.

## **Past Tense / Future Wars**

When did our *Now* start?  
Past tensions feed our future,  
through rivers of time.

## **Amazing Disgrace**

Cheap t-shirts? So we  
buy. And feed more slav'ry in  
our world than ever.

## **Refuge**

Safe soul space gives soft  
landing for us (wayward and  
prickly beings) all.

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## **Peace haiku #1**

Pass on peace. Though if  
peace is not return'd, save time,  
move on to others.

## **Peace haiku #2**

The challenge remains:  
build on moments of peace to  
make lives different.

## **Hard Love**

Our army chief said:  
The standard you walk past is  
the standard you accept.

## **Transformers**

The suff'ring you step  
over is suff'ring you add  
to – so stop and help.

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## **Slow Read**

Through holiday rest  
find that best idea: away  
from work and *bis-ness*.

## **Free Radical Love**

That "Love thy neighbour"  
thing, he meant it. Transform'd life  
is in ev'rything.

## **Self-Treachery...**

just means: to defer  
one hair on the head of your  
thinking to others.

## **Towards Freedom**

Live by building on  
moments of joy; mix doubt with  
clarity and hope.

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## **Simply Live**

Be yourself. Nothing takes away your childhood. Smell of mint brings it back.

## **Life Play**

Unlike work, play is what makes life worth living. So go outside and play.



**Living Poems: Part 1**

*haiku* patterns life:  
seventeen syllables, three  
lines - draw in nature.

**Living Poems: Part 2**

*haiku* writing's like  
catching fish: not mine to keep,  
they just come through me.

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### **Said in Friendship**

You skinny frog, you:  
don't be beaten, don't give up!  
Here we stand, by you.

### **Loved Ones Lost in War**

Your life was like a  
red, red rose – faded, wasted  
scent; blood shipp'd offshore.

## **Strapping Ad**

Back-strap weaver needs  
black-strap molasses for strong,  
true and simple task.

## **Bike Lesson**

Tandem bike lesson:  
both work to synchronise round  
life, trees and edges.

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## **Bespoked**

Betrothed and high on  
life's tandem bike: not easy  
to steer, brake or guide.

## **Go Gently...**

Find our gentle self.  
And give others time and space  
to claim their own calm.

**Life Meditation #1**

Life's infinity, an  
unceasing meditation:  
all ways – walk, love, play.

**Life Meditation #2**

I'm helpless, so I  
pray. Can't help myself out  
of this bad habit.

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### **Life Meditation #3**

Life comes ev'ry day  
in our face, to challenge us:  
distract us not from love.

### **Life Meditation #4**

Eat, breathe, sleep - beyond  
mere existing – eke outside self to  
sink in shared dreams.

**Slumber-in-Somme Header**

Left like cut-off kites,  
in ground surrounded swirls of  
blooded barb'd wire ends.

**Slumber-in-Somme Triptych**

I. From blue gum heat to  
ice-ground graves buried souls  
left in furrowed holes.

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## **Slumber-in-Somme Triptych**

II. Frayed at the edges.  
Aimed, framed at the heart, from  
the start, to grave's end.

## **Slumber-in-Somme Triptych**

III. KnitArt or WordArt?  
What came first? The knitting or  
the verse? Do we care?



## **15 Homefront haiku**

Love. Not a word for  
casual use. The life-scarred  
use the word with care.

[Inspired by Temple's *Quinella*]

## **Family Values?**

Family? Not sure  
it still has value – except  
to say “you are loved”.

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## **Homefront Comforts**

Sunlight – in my lap –  
as comforting as a cat –  
curled up, warm, asleep.

## **Returned to Senders in 1919**

I could see that mouth,  
my grandfather's mouth – bloodless,  
distant from our touch.

**Fe/Male Preserves?**

Bringing in firewood –  
a male preserve? Men make fires  
women put them out?

**Slow Moorings**

Passenger ships' in-  
decent haste to push our men  
and nurses off to war?

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## **Slow Mournings**

Her mournings, drowned in  
drinking – long hot cups of tea,  
towards ev'ning soup.

## **More Broken Promises**

War-weary women  
left to read mourning pages  
without widow weeds.

**Post-war Kinder-garten**

Post-modern morning dads  
trundle little lumberjacks  
to 'Care in child-seats.

**Cross-Generation Compulsion**

On the train again,  
north-bound, drawn as a magnet  
by their childlike ch/arms.

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## **1915-2015 Homefront Cottage**

Sub-divided then,  
rust-red tin roof now, with  
fallen weatherboards.

### **Could we?**

Our desert rats learned  
to wash in petrol tins and  
shave themselves in tea.

**Value-Add Tax Dollars**

How might governments  
value-add by moving from  
war stance to keep peace?

**A Stitch in Time**

Discarded bottles  
not pick'd up, may smash faces  
or cut achilles' flesh.

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## **Left in Muddy Trenches**

Now scattered to dust -  
though first knitted together  
in their mother's womb.

## **NoMoPhobes**

Now ev'rything's re-  
corded; nothing's re-membered:  
No-Mobile-Phobia.



**6 haiku: On Reading A Walker**

Writers perfect the  
art of doing nothing so  
imaginably!

Hid behind mountains  
of misinformation, fear  
snacks on endless waste.

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*Hopi* nation elders say:  
We are the ones we have been  
waiting for – act now.

Love is all around -  
in sea, sky, earth: abundant.  
So love thy enemy.

If "romance" means a  
"wisdom tale", then all of life's  
a stage for caring.

**To bless means to...**

help those who lack love  
or peace; *helped* are those living at  
peace *sans* fav'rites.

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## **1 Giant Washcloth – 2 haiku**

\_To knit is to calm  
tangled nerves and frayed ends in  
to one useful peace.

Conflicts in target  
communities ripple out  
to affect us all.

**Knit Sampler – 2 haiku**

Peace knits ties that bind.  
Weave our words with peace into  
short shrift poetry.

Knit on the buses,  
knit in the street, knit with heart  
knit for hands and feet.

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## The Song of the Knitter

Knitted on the steamboat,  
Knitted in the street,  
Knitted by the fireside,  
Knitted in the sleet.  
Knitted in Australia  
Where the wattle grows,  
To send to you in France, dear,  
Just to warm your toes.

Knitted by the seaside,  
Knitted in the train,  
Knitted in the sunshine,  
Knitted in the rain.  
Knitted here and knitted there  
With the glad refrain,  
"May our 'boys' who wear them  
Sail safe to us again!"

[Author Unknown]