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HAIKU CHALLENGE

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Prizes awarded by our judges: John Harms, William McInnes and Louise Le Nay with a "People's Choice" award voted on throughout the Dunkeld Writers Festival weekend. Our judges will read a selection of poems aloud at our final Festival event on **August 30 from 1.15pm at Sterling Place: Dunkeld Community Centre**. All are welcome to this free event! Maximum two entries per poet. Please email your entry (or any queries) with the subject "Haiku Challenge" to: admin@dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au or visit dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au for more information.

**In the intervals
Of rough wind and rain -
The first cherry blossoms**

**The game turns our way
Old legs -
Still there at the siren**

WHAT IS A HAIKU?

Haiku is a traditional Japanese poetic form of three unrhymed lines with, typically, a 5,7,5 syllable sentence structure, although modern Haiku poetry can be more flexible. Phew.

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