

365 Haikus by Ed

1.1.22

"French press and chill"

*The frost comes knocking
Cloaking souls in ice cocoons
My door is open*

1.2.22

"Yellow cat"

The yellow cat grins
Meowing silence calms me
What will the day bring?

1.3.22

"Buzz"
New year, same caffeine
Trusted spark of creation
Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz

1.4.22

"5:32AM on a Tuesday"

Stillness creeps daylight
The house speaks and I listen
Comfort greets silence

1.5.22

"I think too much"

The demon of time
Snarls upon the tick and tock
Our future is his

1.6.22

"Writer's block"

Keys beat the rhythm
The song of inspired dream
A fruitless refrain

1.7.22

"Blue Bungalow"

The floor creaks, whispers
Memories fleeting away
I'll be listening

1.8.22

"Begonia"

Defy your maker
Reach for glory, golden one
Water? Who needs it

1.9.22

"Anxiety"

Mind circus returns
Seething dread of countless thoughts
I hope this cheese helps

1.10.22

"Monday'n"

Be still, blue Monday
Embrace the offbeat, thrive on
Or nap, whatever

1.11.22

"Orange fingertips"

Cheesiness glows bright
Alone, crunching for no one
No one else but me

1.12.22

"Today is tomorrow"

Anticipation
Itching throngs ambling, hoping
I can do this, right?

1.13.22

"Luna"

Snort, wag, kiss, wiggle
These sad eyes, merely a ruse
Don't steal my pizza

1.14.22

"Irish whiskey"

At peace, mind wanders
Strolling past pernicious dreams
Single malt, my grace

1.15.22

"Requiem for a squirrel"

Guardian watches
Heed warning those who trespass
Until dinner time

1.16.22

"Ode to a dishwasher"

Suffocated rain
Cleanse vile specters, toxic bile
Rinse cycle complete

1.17.22

"Pandemic, Year 3"

Stone minds hear no pleas
Rage against stupidity
Is this all we are?

1.18.22

"When will then be now?"

Patience is a vice
Blood simmers with rabid thoughts
It's only Tuesday

1.19.22

"Breath clouds"

Wooden chimes tango
Sweet newborn wind nips the cheek
Chilling air rises

1.20.22

"The creative process"

Time capsules of dust
Unfleshed fathoms, cannot grasp
Control. Alt. Delete.

1.21.22

"Identity crisis"

This compass points south
Where is me? No more breadcrumbs.
Time for a haircut

1.22.22

"Nonsensical Saturday"

Kumquat? Humongous!
Petrichor shellack, dingus.
Words are a playground.

1.23.22

"Kind to be cruel"

I can see your smile
Counterfeit kindness, false heart
Just wear a damn mask

1.24.22

"The morning after"

Rumbling in my chest
Short of breath, electric stress
Tastes like victory

1.25.22

"Between two breads"

BANG! Senses tingle.
BOOM! A furious tango.
POW! It's sandwich time.

1.26.22

"Brain pantry"

Stewing thoughts simmer
Envy bitters, hope sweetens
Adulting is rough

1.27.22

"Satie's Gymnopédie No.1"

The keys strike a chord

Melancholy melody
Soundtrack of my soul

1.28.22

"Decisions"

Evening daydreaming
Fate collides with desire
Doing life my way

1.29.22

"Gone"

Absence is silence
Deluge becomes an ocean
Can't they still be here?

1.30.22

"Freak off a leash"

Energy unleashed
Heeds no calls, deaf to reason
That's a dog for ya

1.31.22

"Snowmageddon"

Calm before the storm
Siren sun, a false beacon
Get the bread and milk

2.1.22

"The pressure"

Vise tightens, thoughts choke
Strangled by razor wire pain
Headache, go away

2.2.22

"A syllabic study on the human condition"

Pandemonium
Compartmentalization
Serendipity

2.3.22

"Schnoz"

Worn, whistling bugle
Stifled melodies whimper
Old man congestion

2.4.22

"Janus"

Bruised, blackhole ego
Perceives all, accepts nothing
I have my moments

2.5.22

"CJR"

Calm when all is lost
Happy eyes never waiver
I'd marry her twice

2.6.22

"Sunday funday"

Black ocean. Alone.
Three dots. Three dashes. Three dots.
The Sunday scares

2.7.22

"The F-word"

Frolicking fiction
Flailing flugelhorn fever
Fan-freakin'-tastic

2.8.22

"Social media"

Is there life on Mars?
Is there even life on Earth?
Get me off this rock.

2.9.22

"Suet talk"

Tweets from the tree sing:
"Snow one day. Sweatin' the next."
Midwest birds are tough.

2.10.22

"Framed"

Azure-tinted soul
Apertures blaze with fresh fire
My face, a canvas

2.11.22

"Chinese food"

Where has mother gone?
Forever alone. Lost cause.
Left me for takeout.

2.12.22

"Weekend warrior"

Wake up. Peace of mind.
Namaste calm becomes me
Sleep-in Saturday

2.13.22

"Bowl full"

Slurp, warm tongue tingles
Belly warmth comforts my soul
Damn do I love soup

2.14.22

"Tweeting up a storm"

The canopy shrieks
Hitchcockian nightmare fuel
Are the birds plotting?

2.15.22

"Mighty wind"

God's breath rages on
Launching sails, billowing dust
There goes my trash can

2.16.22

"Arabica"

Eye of the blackhole
Boom! Thunderbolt. Hello world.

Black coffee is life.

2.17.22

"This is 37"

3 AM. WAKE. UP.
Spin cycle twists, agony
All hail the Pepto

2.18.22

"I miss the TSA"

Pandemic. Please. Stop.
I crave foreign atmosphere.
The mask hides my tears.

2.19.22

"A real piece of work"

What makes a person?
Is it thought? Strife? Or desire?
Your search history.

2.20.22

"Under construction"

Orange-clad guardian
Heed warning, ye trespassers
Beware of potholes

2.21.22

"Untitled"

I scream at the clouds
"Who the hell are you to fly?"
Case of the Mondays

2.22.22

"02222022"

Yesterday's sequel
Braised in dread, hope a whisper
The worst day. Tuesday.

2.23.22

"Wednesday"

Tacos? Forgotten.
It's the day of the camel
Welcome to the hump

2.24.22

"Day 4"

Oh, day of thunder
Hammer sledges to week's end
Thor reigns pre-weekend

2.25.22

"TGIFJCMF"

Looks like we made it
At the end, a beginning
Unfathomable

2.26.22

"Caturday"

Anticipation
Must do this, that, all of it
Oops. Couch nap at 3.

2.27.22

"Sunday"

Is that dread I feel?
Or is it...maybe it's...hope?
End of week heartburn.

2.28.22

"The saddle"

Here we go again
The new normal or new weird?
Hold breath. Just dive in.

3.1.22

"The saddle pt 2"

The unknown terror
Turn knob. Walk in. You got this.
New day means new rules

3.2.22

"It's electric"

Meeting of the minds
Stimulate, inject, reflect
Creativity

3.3.22

"Milkshake"

A hole in the ground
Earth's blood weeps, the rich rejoice
The plain view of greed

3.4.22

"Open yer ears"

The best things, often
Come not in screams, but whispers
Hush. Good news coming.

3.5.22

"Flavor lust"

Must follow the rules
Ladles of dreams, piping hot
Oops. No soup for you!

3.6.22

"Paranoid Mandroid"

Must. Turn. The. Brain. Off.
Not knowing is half the battle
Vacation brain fail.

3.7.22

"Thanks a latte"

When the coffee hits
A new day, such potential
No doubt, it's a drug

3.8.22

"Don't read too much into it"

Banana madness
Where are my elephant shoes?
Nonsense makes good sense

3.9.22

"Across & down"

Puzzle is afoot
Unscramble the mystery
Help. I do crosswords.

3.10.22

Life or something like it

Not sure what to say
One right after the other
When is it enough?

3.11.22

"When you're smiling..."

Calm after the storm
Inhale. Exhale. Just hold hands.
Life is who you're with.

3.12.22

"8 years later"

Laughs. Anxiety.
Comfort. Anticipation.
When my world began.

3.13.22

"DST"

Give back what is mine
Absent villain stole my sleep
Spring forward to hell

3.14.22

"Pi(e) Day"

Me? Irrational?!
I am constant. Not dessert.
Fruit rots. I. Don't. Stop.

3.15.22

"Ides"

Caesar has been slain
23 knife wounds thrust deep
Brutus loathes salad

3.16.22

"Mental caffeine"

Woke up, hit the gas
Sunrise bled into sunset
Now that's a good day

3.17.22

"A syllabic study on nonsense"

Transcendentalist
Persimmon acquiescence
Multiplicity

3.18.22

"But what sounds good?"

Scan the page. Hunger.
Decisions range all over.
Takeout is torture.

3.19.22

"Chef's kiss"

Garlic. Herbs. Pepper.
Pork. Beef. Pancetta. Salt. Love.
It's spaghetti night.

3.20.22

"My dog"

Ball of energy
Lightning bolt across the yard
Snores like a grandpa

3.21.22

"Dusty passport"

I crave the unknown
Smell new sights, taste new visions
Must leave this country

3.22.22

"Petrichor"

Gray-cloaked horizon
Clouds weep, gardens rise, I smile
Northwest memories

3.23.22

"Drunk noodles"

Spicy funky sweet
Tangy salty herbal rich
All in one Thai dish

3.24.22

"The cave allegory"

Life's not all rainbows
But rain isn't always tears
Wash away the doubt

3.25.22

"Absinthe"

Green without envy
Tingling herbaceous burning
No fairies, just bliss

3.26.22

"Mass"

Internal screaming
Darkness consumes the sunrise
No more funerals

3.27.22

"I'm Barley Here"

That silken sweetness
Evergreen stings the honey
Beer is life's nectar

3.28.22

"Did I just have a good day?"

Monday without dread?
Glowing positivity!
What's in my coffee...

3.29.22

"Sun and Moon"

Darkness and the light
Frenemies dancing as one
Shadow, take the lead

3.30.22

"My little donkey"

Steaming, snuggled warmth
Pillowed tarp caged in metal
Burrito, be free

3.31.22

"Pin drop"

Hushed, whirling stillness
Calm strangles the breath of life
Give me the chaos

4.1.22

"Snack tattoo"

Craggily rock crunch
Powdered funk accumulates
Got the cheese puff touch

4.2.22

"13 minutes on the elliptical"

Creaking rusty springs
The deluge of saline rain
Invigoration

4.3.22

"I just..."

Crickets without song
Canvas caked in shades of white
Blank mind, peace of mind

4.4.22

"What's in a jar"

Preserved in acid

Brightens the deep, excites heat
A cucumber's life

4.5.22

"4.5.54"

Rock chinks, rum and cokes
Charcoal'd flames fueled by fart jokes
Happy birthday, Dad

4.6.22

"Guffaw"

Stomach cramps, rock hard
Choking on life's breath, crying
Laughter is violence

4.7.22

"T-shirt hot dog"

Am I a sandwich?
Existential wiener thoughts
Meat controversy

4.8.22

"It's Friday somewhere"

Pomegranate seeds
Banksy graffiti'd the wall
Random thoughts with Ed

4.9.22

"Bloody Mary and pancakes"

Sun's glow, heaven's breeze
Talks of future, dreams of now
Deep brunch thoughts with friends

4.10.22

"Cally J Rhine"

Wizard of stomachs
From chaos cooks clarity
My partner in thyme

4.11.22

"Green with evil"

The bonfire within
Desert without oasis
Spring sprung allergies

4.12.22

"Farewell, trash cans"

Razor wind vortex
Garbage cyclone sets for sea
Birds take vacation

4.13.22

"Didn't get my 8 hours"

Rising tide, deluge
Inhale, exhale, incoming
Time moves on. Tick...tock...

4.14.22

"Write of Spring"

Close my eyes at dusk
Songs clashing in harmony
Flapping symphonies

4.15.22

"Just one thing does it"

Hushed mind, no tremble
Rock hits the water, ripples
Jolly becomes ire

4.16.22

"Road trip"

Unleaded thoughts race
The zen of white painted lines
Asphalt mindfulness

4.17.22

"Leaf on life"

Rise you green machine
These emerald veins pump life
You're not a monster

4.18.22

"Desiccated"

Nothing, nada, zip
Barren inkwell pens no words
Dried out Monday brain

4.19.22

"What happened to the birdseed?"

Thieves without honor
Nimbly do they heist, cackling
Bushy-tailed tree crime

4.20.22

"Brainstormed"

Rubik's-cubed brain maze
Ideas? Can't find the cheese.
A thought? Eureka!

4.21.22

"Night terroir"

Blood red or golden
Flavored life force, crushed and smashed
Wrathless, boozy grapes

4.22.22

"Mixologist manifesto"

Abyss of delights
Rattling glass, tongue tangoes
Rosy cheeks aflame

4.23.22

"Gust"

On a sea of air
Assail idle pondering
Oh, to be a bird

4.24.22

"Melted wax and buttercream"

I celebrate her
With frosted hugs and cake love
Buried in candles

4.25.22

"My goodness"

Sea level oil slick
Debris rains from cotton clouds
Dark beer dreams taste rich

4.26.22

"Ill communication"

Foot in mouth disease
Tongue-tied ouroboros pain
My idiot tongue

4.27.22

"Enunciate"

The tremors, the shakes
Like eyes at a tennis match
Virtual stage fright

4.28.22

"Thank the Earl"

A mélange à trois
Grease-soaked crumbles, tangy bites
Meat. Cheese. Bread. Heaven.

4.29.22

"Writer's blockade"

Served up brain pudding
Eyes waltz to a frantic tune
One word written down

4.30.22

"Proper tea"

Walls speak in riddles
The past, sealed in paint and nails
New story: my home.

5.1.22

"Dog training"

Contentment achieved

Ears heed without screams or stares
Oh, a rabbit leaps!

5.2.22

"Allergy cycle"

The trees become death
Splintered rings betroth salt tears
Kleenex? Sweet revenge.

5.3.22

"Tuesday at 100mph"

Alarm shouts, I rise
Freight train mode engaged, I race
Eat, laugh, I collapse

5.4.22

"Volume"

I scream for silence
I whisper barbaric yawps
It's okay to mute

5.5.22

"Untitled"

Somberness fleeting
Resurrect the fallen smiles
A laugh, a milestone

5.6.22

"Better living through Hendrick's and Canada Dry"

Gin, tonic, that's life
Fizzy, tart, makes you dizzy
Once gone, have seconds

5.7.22

"Social Media IRL"

Tweets without scrolling
Clickbait aromas on loop
No data required

5.8.22

"Mother's Day"

A thought becomes me
The nurtured fruits of labor
Me, because of her

5.9.22

"Weekend warrior"

This beast craves the green
Devours life that grows tall
Grass has met its match

5.10.22

"Simmer to a boil"

What's unsaid is said
Lurking magma, ticking bomb
Say it, don't blow it

5.11.22

"Foot in mouth"

Words full of pudding
Massless yet richly pointless
Tongue tied conversing

5.12.22

"Kernel panic"

Blah blah blah blah blah
Error. Data not found. What?
Brains have no reset.

5.13.22

"Rapid eye movement"

Hours become days
A week becomes a lifetime
Now, time to inhale

5.14.22

"Coney Island"

All the shades of brown
Textured sludge pools, nose wrinkles
Not cold, it's chili

5.15.22

"How does your garden grow?"

Get your hands dirty
A brand new life starts today
Blood. Rose thorn has won.

5.16.22

"Mind dump"

Tip. Toe. Dip. Drop. Stop.
Floor it? Hit the breaks? Don't move?
Don't mind me. I write.

5.17.22

"What a week"

Hair strangles fingers.
Sweat. Dread. Sudden elation?
The turns have tabled.

5.18.22

"I need to mow...again"

Cold crunch underfoot
Textures mingle and tingle
Walking on salad

5.19.22

"Woody says hi"

Drummer in the trees
Are they relaying Morse code?
Language of pecking

5.20.22

"Not my usual"

Winning feels like this?
A sweater in spring, yet nice
Other shoe don't drop

5.21.22

"Nonsensical Saturday, again"

The flurm has wizzled!

Schlammy schinker prangs. Biz biz.
Slawshackgawingoo?

5.22.22

"Give me a break"

Just two suns, two moons
Tis a brief meditation
Then back to the grind

5.23.22

"Thai delivery"

Flavors! Textures! Yum.
A flame. Hello, there. It burns.
Oh, the spice does flow

5.24.22

"Canine quarantine"

Rain, rain, go away
Squirrels. Birds. They all must pay.
Barking is fruitless

5.25.22

"National debt"

The value of life
Worth copper? Lead? Gunpowder?
Enough is enough

5.26.22

"Please don't pinch me"

Ears ring without bells
Deafened to pain and restraint
Vacay mode: engage

5.27.22

"Possums beware"

Beast without remorse
Cheetah speed, jaws of a bear
Enjoys belly rubs

5.28.22

"The semifinal frontier"

Speck in the ocean
Existence amongst nothing
Pale blue dot needs hope

5.29.22

"Vacation brain"

My mind, blank canvas
At the cusp of wit, nothing
Nothing is something

5.30.22

"Dear nana"

Yellowed bunches grow
Too new, too green. Dress in black.
No split. Spots are best.

5.31.22

"Leash Law"

There is no escape
Danger looms on each corner
No easy dog walks

6.1.22

"Ill communication"

Turn dial. Static noise.
Is this the wrong frequency?
My voice, out of tune.

6.2.22

"Stranded baby robin"

Danger zone. Alone.
Family screams: "Please come back!"
Little bird must fly

6.3.22

"Yeti on a stroll"

Wanderer stops by
Fluff of joy asks for nothing
Purrs on down the road

6.4.22

"Betrothed"

She's grace with a face
A laugh that can heal all wounds
Snorts like a donkey

6.5.22

"33 1/3"

Sounds speak from the past
Spinning tales from a needle
The warmth of vinyl

6.6.22

"ISO Elmer Fudd"

Fleet of foot, a blur
Inhales clover, exhales fear
Savage to gardens

6.7.22

"Candy"

Taffy feels like this
Stretched thin to become sweeter
Just sticks to my teeth

6.8.22

"Pesticide"

You must grow. I cry.
I lost control. You destroy.
I will weed you out.

6.9.22

"Summertime"

The boil is coming
Everyone will be exposed
Hell's solstice of sweat

6.10.22

"Screen play"

*Gimme all the eggs.
Time to chug back some vengeance!*

Film quotes yet written

6.11.22

"Biochemical lanterns"

Flashlights float away
Pulsing with chartreuse signals
It's the fire flying

6.12.22

"One year later..."

Old walls crumble down
All we are, forged into cubes
New house, new story

6.13.22

"We all do it"

Hark! A trumpet sounds!
Flat tune lends notes that clear rooms
A minor gas leak

6.14.22

"Story"

A thought becomes more
Ink forms blood that pumps new life
Here goes chapter one...

6.15.22

"Van Gogh"

Green sky...does it lie?
Will storms ravage or play coy?
Now that's a sunset

6.16.22

"Tick tonic"

Hourglass flows on
Sand's secrets share all sorrows
Time is how you live

6.17.22

"It's just too damn hot"

Uncomplicated
Quantity is quality
USA lager

6.18.22

"Time travel"

Wake up, time to mow
Drive, thrive, caffeinate 'til night
Night cap time for bed

6.19.22

"..."

Quiet celebration
From him, I became myself
Time for rum and coke

6.20.22

"The sun is Satan"

Life in an oven
Please don't bake me, I will sweat
I am not a pie

6.21.22

"Out-of-date textbook"

Truth is never free
The cost is knowledge. And doubt.
Reality bites

6.22.22

"Vice city"

Squeezed like a dried orange
Essence sucked bare, nothing left
The headache has won

6.23.22

"Clouds, ya know"

Pillows in the sky
Cushion for lost souls and light
Evaporated

6.24.22

"Supreme assholes"

Their body. Not yours.
Keep your creed. They don't need it.
America failed

6.25.22

"Strength isn't might"

This rock never rolls
Won't suffer moss to gather
But sometimes, it rains

6.26.22

"Oasis in the fire"

Calm, whispered the wind
Inhale solace, breathe out hope
The hurricane's eye

6.27.22

"It's not the heat..."

May my shorts grow dust
Go away sun, let me chill
Winter is my jam

6.28.22

Summer Luna

Playtime? YES. ALWAYS!
Eat, run, eat and never sleep!
No job. I'm a dog.

6.29.22

"Grilling"

I worship the flame
Singe becomes burn becomes char
Maillard is my god

6.30.22

"Overreaction to a temporary absence"

Feeling half empty
No retorts, no laughs, no smiles

Lost without my mate

7.1.22

"Lashing out"

Bristles soft ballet
Plié with haste as you wake
Rapid eye movement

7.2.22

"Idiocracy"

Drunk in translation
Am I speaking in static?
Brain dead rule the earth

7.3.22

"Canine horror"

Time to ignite fear
While they cower, you cheer on
Your boom is their bust

7.4.22

"Just in case"

Snap! The missing link.
Unlock your spicy secrets
My ode to sausage

7.5.22

"New car smell"

Feeling like stale bread
I need a spark to fuel me
Buy new shit. That works.

7.6.22

"I didn't sign up for this "

Please enhance your calm
We give you all, yet you scream
Puppy eyes don't lose

7.7.22

"Chop, simmer, season"

Aromas that fly
Tastes that serenade my soul
Home-cooked elation

7.8.22

"Passport"

Armchair traveler
I want to eat my TV
DoorDash wins again

7.9.22

"Crowdsourced: En Fuego"

Tortilla of pain
Wrapped in flavor, drenched in death
Hot sauce cap fell off

7.10.22

"Better living through..."

Head full of screaming
Do this. Do that. Never stop.
Anxiety train

7.11.22

"Vanishing point"

Canvas draws a blank
The paint runs thin. Or too thick?
My Monday palette

7.12.22

"Two all beef patties..."

When the craving hits...
Go for it. Eat it all up.
La vida burger

7.13.22

"Mating ritual"

Return of the screams
Such maddening arias
Cicada season

7.14.22

"Standoff"

I will never yield
Pull if you must, it will fail
Puppy tug of war

7.15.22

"Driver's license to kill"

The blink of an eye
Warp speed without a warning
Quit riding my ass

7.16.22

"Take a load off"

A bed without sleep
Worries cushioned by comfort
The couch, a temple

7.17.22

"Adult onset indecision"

No direction home
The compass lost a magnet
Do I make a choice?

7.18.22

"Filling Holes"

Lean back. Grip tight. Drill.
Splash, scrape, mechanical screams
Free floss, what a treat

7.19.22

"TV on mute"

Deluge of madness
Lies pile up, become the truth
Elephant party

7.20.22

"From chaos comes clarity"

What if grass was blue?
Salt was sweet, snow full of heat?
My love would not change

7.21.22

"Webb"

Nothing then something
In the dark, billions of light
Lens into the past

7.22.22

"Piece of relief"

Fuck it. Pile it on.
Too many flavors? No way.
TGIF 'ZA

7.23.22

"Explain it to me like I'm five..."

Death to quiet rage
Climb, scream from the mountain top
Tell it like it is

7.24.22

"Minor chord"

Trampoline won't bounce
Forks won't pierce, lamps bring darkness
Just singing the blues

7.25.22

"Cycle"

Ceiling fan hums. Hums.
Click. Clack. Keyboard clicks and clacks.
Monday. Monday. Ugh.

7.26.22

"Stripped"

Sizzle me timbers
Chewing the fat has me cured
Beckoned to bacon

7.27.22

"Lunch Broke"

Eyes heavy, slow breath

Agony! Feet chained to rocks
I ate way too much

7.28.22

"REM"

Corpse that cannot sleep
Awake, numb, cannot function
Another Monday

7.29.22

"Haiku"

Sometimes, I don't know
What is up or what is down
Then I take a nap

7.30.22

"Relief"

Drip. Drop. Comes the rain.
A mere spittle cools the heat
Then humidity

7.31.22

"Monstera"

Why does a plant grow
When it cannot see the sun?
Invisible strength

8.1.22

"Mantra"

A new day dreaming
Of hope becoming the truth
Can we shed the past?

8.2.22

Sun rises, sun sets
Where does one end and begin?
Live between the notes

8.3.22

"Drip"

Have I woken up
Into some morbid nightmare
Or a caffeine crash

8.4.22

"No cause for alarm"

As I lay sleeping
I wonder if I'm ready
To hit snooze again

8.5.22

"Idling"

Where am I going
Hit the gas or slam the breaks
Stuck in the driveway

8.6.22

"Clarity"

I toast the unknown
Cheers to whatever comes next
Chaos always wins

8.7.22

"Telescope"

I look to the stars
And wonder if all I see
Is just reflection

8.8.22

"Four years"

Morse code taps, taps, taps
Dial tone rings into voicemail
Can you text me, Dad?

8.9.22

"Grown up behavior"

I wake up hoping
Today is when I start fresh
But where are my keys?

8.10.22

"TV in your 30s"

A story unfolds
I don't know what happens next
The couch swallowed me

8.11.22

"Blind justice"

Night birds fly different
Songs have no tune, only shriek
Leather-winged sonar

8.12.22

"Wordsmith"

Eureka moment
The greatest line of all time
I can't find my pen

8.13.22

"Math for you"

I can't calculate
How many times you've saved me
But who is counting

8.14.22

"It is what it is"

Here we are again
Another weekend haiku
This is how it ends

8.15.22

"New week"

I woke up today
For once, I didn't worry
Monday ain't so bad

8.16.22

"Untitled"

A cool mist tickles
My cheeks become flush with smiles
Happy when it rains

8.17.22

"What's the diagnosis?"

What is this illness?
My stomach hurts, my face aches
Contracted laughter

8.18.22

"This is how I show my love"

Look out! Sneak attack
Rapid fire, without warning
Dog slobber violence

8.19.22

"Weekend ticket"

Coffee tastes better
Time flies on the wings of joy
Case of the Fridays

8.20.22

"Cobwebs"

This floor is lava
Trapped in a cardboard jungle
My basement must breathe

8.21.22

"Draft Day"

So many choices
Pick wrong, suffer forever
Fantasy regrets

8.22.22

"Inspiration perspiration"

Keyboard gathers dust
While flourishing words grow stale
More like writer's blah

8.23.22

"Sub-zero hero"

Cabinet is bare
Fridge full of rot and decay
Thanks, freezer pizza!

8.24.22

"Ugh"

Thoughts become hazy
Ideas floating away
Please just let me sleep

8.25.22

"Thinking with my stomach"

I stare at the wall
Eyes become one with the paint
Dinnertime daydreams

8.26.22

"Wordplay narrative"

No consequences
Remorseless antagonist
Syllabic story

8.27.22

"Cake and tears"

There was violence here
Crying, screaming, shreds and stains
Routine kid's birthday

8.28.22

"Ode to my dog"

Darkness brings madness
How the demon lurks, clacking
This is man's best fiend

8.29.22

"Low carb"

This is how it ends
Not with a bang, a sizzle
Farewell my seltzer

8.30.22

"Wave heat goodbye"

Internal screaming
Externally rejoicing
Summer, nearly dead

8.31.22

"Afternoon haze"

Eyes glaze while thoughts fade
Slurping away my brain soup
3pm work day

9.1.22

"Throwing shade"

Gray is the new blue
Clouds aren't omens, but saviors
Please, Fall. Get here soon.

9.2.22

"Blood sugar"

What am I doing
Am I crying or laughing?
Maybe just hangry

9.3.22

"Lunched"

Everlasting pain
Time bomb swelling inside me
Oops, ate the whole thing

9.4.22

"All-ye-yum"

I have become breath
These toxic fumes destroy all
Sweet burn of garlic

9.5.22

"Moral and ethical compass"

Lost at sea again
Sails flaccid under black skies
I can't chart my life

9.6.22

"Insert coin to continue"

I woke up thinking
It's carpe diem, baby!
Instead, a headache

9.7.22

"Night sweats"

These sheets suffocate
My dreams, gagging for resolve
Oh, insomnia

9.8.22

"Meaning of life or something like it"

If I stare enough
Will the blur become clearer
Or just confusing

9.9.22

"Nonsense on a Friday"

Pancake surprises
Flip flappity flop popping
Slap me with syrup

9.10.22

"Perseverance"

I don't want to write
Another haiku today
And yet, joke's on me

9.11.22

"Marriage"

At a loss for words
What am I supposed to say?
Love you forever

9.12.22

"Tell me you're busy
without telling me you're busy"

I've traveled through time
Morning coffee at warp speed
Wait, it's 5 o'clock?

9.13.22

"Gears"

Five, four, three, two, one
The tick draws nearer to tock
Never enough time

9.14.22

"Thinking inside the box"

Object of desire
Yellow'd neon lights me home
Mac and cheese, yes please

9.15.22

"Damned fandom"

Brutes on brutes on brutes
Aggression meets aggression
Football is the worst

9.16.22

"Unexpected guest"

My friend, the darkness
Why must you say hi at noon?
Save it for nightmares

9.17.22

"2am wake up call"

Hands against the wall
Shadows blinding my way home
Late night bathroom break

9.18.22

"Salt, time, and rest"

Oh my, that sizzle
That burns with every splash
Look, Ma! I made steak!

9.19.22

"How does this optimism thing work?"

Funny how life goes
From a pulsating headache
Turned victory lap

9.20.22

"Tube"

My old nemesis
A topsy-turvy death train
In-flight Xanax, please

9.21.22

"Fasten seatbelt sign is on"

Here is how I go
Death by many little bumps
White knuckle tarmac

9.22.22

"Everyday wear"

What language is this?
Shapes without meaning or sense
Oh right, my glasses

9.23.22

"Three days of infinity"

Toes begin to dance
Oxygen too slow for lungs
I'm back in her arms

9.24.22

"Weekend"

Hey hey Saturday
You beautiful freaking day
Kill the other days

9.25.22

"Organic chemistry"

While thinking alone
Thoughts flow with the tide below
Are we just water?

9.26.22

"Pinned"

The alley of pain
Handcuffed by gravity's wrath
Bowling for aspirin

9.27.22

"Stacked"

The gates of heaven
Not in the clouds. By the pound.
Pastrami on rye

9.28.22

"Namaste"

This feels different
Breath slowing, thoughts snail along
This is what calm is?

9.29.22

"Forever hug"

Don my second skin
A suit of comfy armor
It's fall. Hoodie me.

9.30.22

"There is a such thing as peace"

Wait, do you hear that?
No screams, no barks, hushed chirping
Neighborhood silence

10.1.22

"Walnut macabre"

The devil chatters
Grinding, laughing at my fright
Oh, it's a squirrel

10.2.22

"Here comes Monday"

Incoming waves rise
What once was quiet soon floods

All good things shall end

10.3.22

"Cricket wisdom"

A careful whisper
Breathes truth when the chorus lies
"They won't get you down."

10.4.22

"Traveling salesman"

When the madness knocks
Unlock the door, make some tea
Numb it with kindness

10.5.22

"Existentialism"

Who, what, when, where, why?
Questions pile without answer
This magic ball sucks

10.6.22

"Seasonal impression"

Rusted vise creaking
Shatters eggshells, no mercy
Sinus pressure hell

10.7.22

"ISO: Best Friend"

Irrational beast
Earns no keep yet snarls demands
Enjoys belly rubs

10.8.22

"Get the net"

Am I but static?
Signal's clear, can you hear me?
Bullshit tech bullshit

10.9.22

"A new person"

Instantly lose weight
Simply sever attachments
Get your ears lowered

10.10.22

"Rage"

Hotter than a boil
Just a drop shall melt the world
Ready? It's whine time.

10.11.22

"4"

Feelin' Thanos vibes
Juiced up and ready to rule
So vaccinated

10.12.22

"Self help"

Seeking a mantra
Give me that carpe diem
"Just wait. There's pizza."

10.13.22

"Roommate"

Let sleeping dogs lie
Better to have peace than cry
Could do without snores

10.14.22

"5"

I can't always say
What I actually feel
But damn I love you

10.15.22

"2AM"

Aimless, adrift sea
Alone I float, what is time?
Counting sheep again

10.16.22

"Flip side"

Clock gears grind most sour
The west drowns the sinking sun
Monday soon to rise

10.17.22

"I've waited for this all year"

Follicles stand tall
Stinging menthol becomes breath
Winter is coming

10.18.22

"Face time"

Stares in the mirror
My prologue or my future?
Time for a good shave

10.19.22

"Soggy bottom"

Perfect. Nothing less.
No time wasted on second
Not built for Bake Off

10.20.22

"I'm all ears"

Pen to the parchment
Inked-soaked truths beat whispered lies
Unless it's a text

10.21.22

"Untitled"

I really just can't
Brain drained, only fizzled thoughts
Your Friday haiku

10.22.22

"Taurus"

No matter the day
Or what tries to slaughter me
One smile cures it all

10.23.22

"Gust"

The rushed, violent hush
Its judgement flails skin to bone
Leaves become daggers

10.24.22

"Drip"

Tap. Tap. Tap. Tap. Tap.
A rhythm brings peace to light
No tears in the rain

10.25.22

"Chill"

Electric-shocked bones
Trembling out of naked skin
Shiver me fingers

10.26.22

"Scent"

Lurking, staring smiles
They taunt, they cackle, they heist
Poor dog got squirrel'd

10.27.22

"Sweat"

Salt must find a way
Seasoned with a sad reason
The flavor of tears

10.28.22

"My way"

Flavor without class
Salty fresh from the greased flame
Burger from the King

10.29.22

"Athleisure"

Woosh, cling, clang, jingle
Olympic bullets spinning
My next door frolder

10.30.22

"Hunger"

Slowly bleeding dry
Draining as the bell tolls on
Give me that Crunchwrap

10.31.22

"Modem sounds"

Lifelong tummy ache
Not elaborate torture
Just a state of mind

11.1.22

"Up the creek"

Nobody's perfect
We all make a few mistakes
Some more than others

11.2.22

"Battle"

Marching through hellfire
Is much easier with friends
Who help you stay chill

11.3.22

"Takeout"

The march of starchness
Soaked in sugared tangy fire
Hail the general

11.4.22

"Monsooner or later"

Namaste. Zen. Peace.
Please tell me, where is the calm?
Rain's rhythm will do

11.5.22

"Tango"

Culinary dance
You chiffonade, I sauté
Teamwork makes the dream

11.6.22

"Stand on a desk"

Time's not a circle
Round trips just move you forward
There's no going back

11.7.22

"When no one is watching"

Coffee before dawn
Misty night walks, cold air breaths
The joy of quiet

11.8.22

"Swiffer"

Keepsakes from the past
Pile up like dunes all over
Really need to dust

11.9.22

"Leaf me to my own devices"

Mini maracas
Shake the beats of changing times
Winter overture

11.10.22

"Wait five minutes..."

Morning, dripping sweat
Evening, damp shivers and shakes
Missouri weather

11.11.22

"Festive AF"

Gourdness gracious, friends

I'm pumped and ready to squash
A slice of pie'd spice

11.12.22

"Just roll with it"

Sinking stomach feels
Transform into laughs and tears
Embrace the weirdness

11.13.22

"Cold front"

Then, the world rots
Envied green decomposes
The rebirth of death

11.14.22

"Frosting"

Norman Rockwell vibes
Slow motion paint stains the ground
I'm snowflaking out

11.15.22

"Van Gogh vision"

Taking in sunset
Too many colors to count
A living painting

11.16.22

"Stretched fat"

Everything hurts, man
Have I been cursed by a witch?
All good food brings pain

11.17.22

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That which burns shall burn
Collapsing into powder
If we do not hope

11.18.22

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Self preservation
Cocooned in a wall of ice
Hides me from your warmth

11.19.22

"Beans there, done that"

Now that is the smell
I've been craving all year long
Bless you, cassoulet

11.20.22

"Best part of crawling out of bed"

Hushed contemplation
Deep breaths, peaceful aromas
Roasted therapy

11.21.22

"Kill 'em with kindness"

Oh, hello Darkness
You're early, please have a seat
Lemon in your tea?

11.22.22

"SJM"

Eggless forever
Never without a coffee
Always a best friend

11.23.22

"Back porch quiet"

Crinkling, falling leaves
Dogs muffle, cars roam afar
Silence not silent

11.24.22

"Thanks a lot"

Yo! Gobble gobble
All gravy ya jive turkey
Kiss my casserole

11.25.22

"Dog days of November"

Snores, snores, snores, yawns, snores
Whines, whines, big yawning...and whines
Vacation Luna

11.26.22

"Opportunity knocks"

What was, will be more
Out with the old, in with taste
Leftovers anew

11.27.22

"Calendar squeeze"

What feels like the end
Merely the first conclusion
Next holiday, please

11.28.22

"Trimmed"

A new forest grows
Memories across branches
Electric fake wood

11.29.22

"Case of the Tuesdays"

Got nothing to say
Sometimes silence is the best
Better than screaming

11.30.22

"Bad and broken"

Chemistry teacher
Becomes overnight kingpin
How the mighty fall

12.1.22

"Dali's melting clocks"

Some kind of whiplash
Sleepwalking through morning Joe
The fuck day is it?

12.2.22

"Dunkin' for glory"

Sweet inner circle
Blessing, curse, deliciousness
Regret? I donut.

12.3.22

"Family recipe"

Time to wet the dries
Sauce the noods with all the meats
Eddie spaghetti

12.4.22

"Fandom pains"

Orb is everything
Hold the orb, protect the orb
Lose orb, lose the game

12.5.22

"Metaphoric caloric"

Is it worth all this
Swallow down self destruction?
Just a piece of cake

12.6.22

"The dream of the 90s"

Dial ring ding a ling
Ba dong a dong, static, scratch
Welcome! You've got mail!

12.7.22

"Buttercream and wax"

Happy birthday, me
Blow out candles, make a wish
Cry if I want to

12.8.22

"Monster"

Beware! Sudden threat

Seizing screams from deep below
Case of the hiccups

12.9.22

"Kryptonite"

My cape-less hero
Flightless yet soars to my aid
It's super Cally!

12.10.22

"Can't all be winners"

What am I doing?
Thinking long and hard about
A better haiku

12.11.22

"Broth Hell"

I consume danger
Boil me alive, scorch my tongue
Slurp down soupy fire

12.12.22

"Futility"

Roll the ball uphill
Never mind, roll it back down
On the other hand...

12.13.22

"Untitled"

Just when the door shuts
And the dusty light goes dark
You switch on the lamp

12.14.22

"Behind the 8 ball"

Outlook not so good
Better to shake it again
Magic is bullshit

12.15.22

"Wicked game"

This game means violence
Lies, theft, nothing is sacred
The mad elephant

12.16.22

"Boiled and baked"

My inner circle
Chews the fat and gets toasted
Schmeared right to the edge

12.17.22

"Where did that cheese come from?"

Unexpected twist
A surprise beneath the crust
Get stuffed with the Hut

12.18.22

"Why do I do this to myself?"

My heart, the main dish
Sauced, sliced, chewed, and swallowed down
Football is heartburn

12.19.22

"Bulb"

Nostril sense tingles
Can't you smell that smelly joy?
My god is garlic

12.20.22

"Work lunch"

No better feeling
Than celebrating good cheer
With the best humans

12.21.22

"Growing pains"

What's this agony
One sneeze, everlasting pain
Hello late 30s

12.22.22

"Less than zero"

Painted with diamonds
A single touch will burn you
It's ice, ice baby

12.23.22

"Stand up"

Who poked a dolphin?
The squealing will never end
Just my wife laughing

12.24.22

"Clause of insanity"

Santa isn't real
Unless you want some presents
Wait. Cookies are gone.

12.25.22

"Seasonings greetings"

Hours of torture
Enduring such painful bliss
Christmas dinner stench

12.26.22

"Under cover"

I'm just not ready
Can I get a minute, please?
This blanket is life

12.27.22

"When a present is not a gift"

The freeze melts away
What lies underneath the snow?
Nothing but dog poop

12.28.22

"Trip"

It's been a long day
Staring at the road ahead
Life in cruise control

12.29.22

"A novel idea"

Words, words, words, and words
A world in a paper cut
Ready to book it

12.30.22

"Individually wrapped dreams"

When the craving hits
Do you let go or give in?
Velveeta worship

12.31.22

"And...scene"

Pull the curtain rope
Play the song and shut me up
Auld lang syne, bitches

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