



Home
to
Harrington

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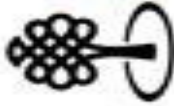
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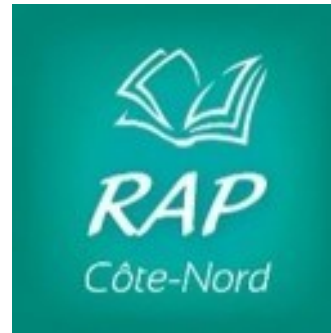
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RENGA

Usually a poem is written by one person. But there is a form of poetry called “Renga,” in which 2 or more people can take part. This poem comes from Japan and is over 1000 years old.

How does it work? Well, people take turns writing verses, which alternate between 3-lines and 2-lines, for as many verses as you wish. The most popular lengths are 18, 36 or even 100.

The first verse, called the “hokku,” is always 3-lines long and tells you the season the poem is written in. Each succeeding verse links in some way to the previous one, then takes it in a new and surprising direction. Once you’ve used a word, you can’t repeat it again for the rest of the poem.

One afternoon, with our teacher, Mrs. Jones, and writer-in-residence, Angela Leuck, we wrote the following Renga: “Home to Harrington.”

We had a lot of fun writing it and hope you will be inspired to write one of your own.

round juicy apple
spring moon
missing a slice

juggling high
4 sticky sweet oranges

on stage
a clown on a unicycle
beeping his red nose

from the ruby cardinal's throat
cheep! cheep!

a rock star
rocking out
shouts, “Yaaah!”

sapphire sea glistening
along the shoreline

mermaids splashing
telling fish tales
to the dolphins

seals barking
and flapping their flippers

dodge ball
trying not to get hit
our team wins!

celebrating with balloons
but they pop

bubbles
in my new bathtub
two yellow ducks

a real rubber boat
riding the waves

on a windy day
surfboarding
in the bay

sunsets in Kegaska
whales jumping

Gull Cliff
cute baby seagulls
and bakeapple picking

no longer a lighthouse
on Shag Island

the Bella cargo ship
brings fresh fruit and vegetables
and toys

the helicopter flies us home
to Harrington

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