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the year's last poem
our childhood front door
wide open

Vanessa Proctor

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FEATURED HAIKU

the year's last poem
our childhood front door
wide open

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daisies
fields of childhood
memories

Rachel Sutcliffe

homecoming
the ice cream van plays
Waltzing Matilda

Vanessa Proctor

riding a train
into the new year
my childhood

Rick Daddario

school car park
... the sun beats
only the bitumen

Julie Thorndyke

childhood home
the wartime glass
wrinkles across the moon

Lynette Arden (Haiku Bindii, Journeys 2011)

the old spinning top
dusted off
and twirling again

Simon Hanson

wind-spun leaves
the nature of memories
in cold brief hours

Alan Summers

only memories
of an open front door
wrens in the grass

Gayle Sweeper

twenty past midnight
careful not to create
a sound

Willie Bongcaron

first streak of light
on the dividing range
longest day

Rodney Williams

singing dawn
of the longest day
Papa Crow

Belinda Broughton

morning dew
each drop its own world
for an hour

Steve Hodge

summer breeze-
the blue
of everything

Lyn Reeves (Blue Giraffe 2010)

sun sparkled
blue sea
childhood shore

Simon Hanson

Christmas by the sea
the heat of our sunburn
with our prayers

Ron C. Moss

summer heat
how long
the dog's tongue

Olivier Schopfer (133rd WHA Haiga Contest)

backyard cricket
we argue at the end of the over
silly point

Louise Hopewell

backyard cricket
garden lights flicker
as a wicket falls

Ron C. Moss

backyard cricket
an old man hits the ball over
the front yard

Myron Lysenko

end of story
you peel your tangerine
in one continuous piece

Olivier Schopfer (tinywords 15.1)

summer coach
a man brings a beer crate
full of puppies

Alan Summers

puppies for adoption
the we're-just-looking couple
leaves last

Tzetzka Ilieva

solstice
my cat brings in
the rain

Grace Galton

broken moonlight
one shard outlines
a boy's mongrel

Alan Summers

the edge of solstice
her sonogram
shows twins

Rebecca Drouilhet

red cheeks
my hands without gloves
in your pockets

Marta Chocilowska (Asahi Shimbun 07.02.2014)

safety pins
her t-shirt
flashing a girl's club

Betty Shropshire

year's end
preparing to welcome
the child inside

Alison Williams

summer fling
the memory fades faster
than my tan

Radka Mindova

New Year's Eve
their last public argument
as a couple

Myron Lysenko

a broken shell
her words return
in waves

Debbie Strange (Cattails, September 2016)

I wait for you
by the front door
long twilight

Louise Hopewell

summer solstice –
rain drops dilute
my father's grappa

Tzetzka Ilieva (A Hundred Gourds, 2012)

crimson setting sun
market raspberries under hills
of whipped cream

Marietta McGregor

mandarin peel
the scent
of an old memory

Simon Hanson

december solstice
strawberries from Australia
on my Pavlova dessert

Marta Chocilowska

Christmas
Hanukkah candles'
flickering lights

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community
a foot in Christmas
another in Hanukkah

Sara Abend-Sims

Christmas 2016
a new listing
for Santa

Carol Reynolds

wishing-stars
fall from a Christmas card
... the sound of rain

Lorin Ford (POAM, 2007)

summer solstice
the Christmas bush
already faded

Leanne Mumford

Christmas wreath
a miner bird pecks
the berries

Beverley George

Christmas 2016
no tags with her name
this year

Carol Reynolds

her death –
sealed Christmas cards
in the mailbox

Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

smell of hope
trailing the homeless boy
Christmas pudding

Celestine Nudanu

long night
the Christmas market
deserted

Olivier Schopfer

whipped cream
I dream of December
with snow

Louise Hopewell

the longest night...
snowflakes melt softly
between our lips

Marta Chocilowska

among summer blooms
I wait...
peace garden

Margaret Mahony

summer breeze
so many different
tones of green

Olivier Schopfer (Presence #56)

time by the river
another summer
trickles by

Simon Hanson

our measure
of summer days
inchworm

*Marietta McGregor (The Mainichi, Haiku in English,
2015)*

honeysuckle
memories wafting through
the open door

Lorraine Haig

midnight moon
trapped in the dream catcher
summer heat

Marietta McGregor (Asahi Haikuist Network, September 2015)

dry river bed
only half smooth
stones

Michael Henry Lee

trumpet lily
more baroque
than jazz

Jennifer Sutherland (The Herons Nest Dec 2014)

longest day . . .
the birds and I
make an early start

Nathalie Buckland

magpie and lorikeet
in conversation
my courtyard

Margaret Mahony

all day heat . . .
fresh rain on a tin roof
starts-up the ravens

Ron C. Moss

summer solstice –
the flock passes into darkness
one by one

Sandra Simpson (A Hundred Gourds 3.4)

summer solstice
striped marsh frogs' frantic love
among the duckweed

Marta Chocilowska

between me
and the christmas beetle –
back screen door

Gregory Piko

heat lightning—
Christmas beetles
spangle the fly screen

Lorin Ford (The Heron's Nest Vol. XIII, No. 1)

a summer night's dream—
mosquitoes come humming
through the crack

Lorin Ford (Modern Haiku 43.2, 2012)

heat shimmer
again I wear
my invisible kimono

Jennifer Sutherland (The Herons Nest March 2016)

summer solstice
in Australia
I wish I was

Garry Eaton

warming my hands
on your summer poems
chillin' UK

Karen Harvey

no sunset
antarctic
solstice gift

Ardelle Hollis Ray

in the solstice cusp a demitasse brews til summer

Pat Geyer

a reedy voice
through the early evening
wide open door

Jackie McConnell

gazing
at the Southern Cross
woodheat warms my back

*Alan Summers (sundog, an australian year, sunfast press
(1997))*

a peaceful place
our back step
sitting in the dark

Gayle Sweeper

night wind –
the candle's flame
lengthens

Pasquale Asprea

the longest day
the same as the shortest day
planet earth

Rick Daddario

December Solstice 2016
across the globe.
The heat of summer in Australia and
the cold of winter in the northern
hemisphere



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