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AHS invites you to share with us your original haiku on the theme of Discovery. We invite you to explore a multiplicity of ideas in the String without using the word 'discovery'.

The haiku will be linked by the subject Discovery. It is not necessary for each haiku to relate to the one before it.

early spring last scent of Daphne

Margaret Mahony

azalea scented breeze singing through the windchimes

Kathryn Woolfe

rippled sky the first blossom at river's edge

Lorraine Haig

flowering of the pear tree—new diagnosis

Angiola Inglese

70th birthday a new bud opens on the orchid

Nathalie Buckland

swollen bud wondering what's in it for me

Rob Scott

day moon . . . the side of myself I can't remember

Brendon Kent

lark song i finally believe in something

Debbie Strange

all wound up the cuckoo can't wait to spring out again

Ingrid Baluchi

after the rain what the fallen blossoms made of it

Rob Scott

pruned roses on the new shoots spider web

Angiola Inglese

spring clouds
I pick up a spider
Instead of the leaf

Maureen Sexton

the thunder of approaching feet . . . daisies everywhere

Alan Summers

after the rain the stomp and splash of tiny shoes

Carol Raisfeld

we hold our breath as he blows at the candle first birthday

Joanne Watcyn-Jones

sun filtered leaves a baby kicks at the air and finds his toes

Maureen Sexton

turning the rock in grandma's garden roly-polies

Tomislav Sjekloća

school pickup waiting for my grandson's smile

Margaret Mahony

bird by bird the toddler kisses her story book

Carol Raisfeld

children's treasure . . . the buried biscuit tin raided by frogs

Ron C. Moss

neon tetras behind aquarium glass a little boy's gaze

Simon Hanson

ratcatcher's moon the dog's whiskers closely behind¹

Alan Summers

spring rain the Labrador's nose works overtime

Hazel Hall

the ragged call of white-faced herons our dog dashes outside

Joanne Watcyn-Jones

¹ Note: "Max" still hunting at a Toowoomba sheep station in the sky!

sun at last I do only the tasks I can take outside

Beverley George

welcoming warmth first buds burst on the ancient vine

Ingrid Baluchi

maggie chasing a wheeled interloper Spring territory

Wanda Amos

too late to remove the clothes . . . sudden rain

Taofeek Ayeyemi (Aswagaawy)

red sprouts—
pea-size hail dances
in the rain

Elaine Andre

the first peep of a native hen chick sunlit rain

Ron C. Moss

up close each particle of mist lamp-lit

Simon Hanson

beneath the ivy on the old wooden fence arrows and hearts

Bruce Jewett

morning star our initials carved deep in the family tree

Ron C. Moss

pushing out beyond the breakers first light

Vanessa Proctor

for a moment at the ocean's edge plover prints

Debbie Strange

family beach ganghooks shine on the tideline

Jan Napier

after the rain a spindly forest of mushrooms my giant boots

Penny Szentkuti

phlox moon the different shades of its forest²

Alan Summers

new leaves the old forest finds its voice

Rob Scott

climate action march the rain holds off as usual

Lynette Arden

² *Note: phlox moon = pink moon of Spring*

koi pond . . . stretching the length of a dragonfly

Brendon Kent

yellow water lilies a new dragonfly pumps its wings

Polona Oblak

hospice cafeteria a colony of ants raids the crumbs of apple pie

Hifsa Ashraf

film of pollen on the pool a hovering wasp

Jan Napier

a firefly falls off the sky . . . meteor shower

Taofeek Ayeyemi (Aswagaawy)

grains of light a green ant bridge through leaves

Lorraine Haig

sculpture park an ant crawling into her ear

Quendryth Young

a butterfly on her tombstone first spring

Natalia Kuznetsova

voices from the graveyard . . . weaverbirds

Taofeek Ayeyemi (Aswagaawy)

closer closer to the rainbow's end a patch of buttercups instead

Wanda Amos

around the bend a meadow of poppies as wide as the sky

Carol Raisfeld

September walk a startle of waratahs one side of the path

Beverley George

zephyr kowhai turns the grass into gold

Nola Borrell

bike path yellow with dandelions

Roberta Beach Jacobson

long dry the galahs searching the footie fields for greens

Wanda Amos

learning from birds learning from flowers the way to haiku

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