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Haiku a Day

Off to Michigan

A home in Ypsilanti

And new life for me

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The People's Republic of Ames

Well, folks, I finally got the gumption to pack up my infrastructure and move 500 miles away to Ypsilanti, MI, to take a job at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. After 28 years of being an Iowa, I'm now a Michigander (I guess). I've already verified with my new boss that I will not be required to point to where in the mitten I live.

Surprisingly, my entire infrastructure made it out, in one form or the other, and my car did not explode on the way out (my father and brother were taking bets on how far it would make it). I'm sure I'll be unpacking for a long time, but I'm getting settled in, and tomorrow go in for my first day of work.

So, if you ever find yourself in the Ypsilanti/ Ann Arbor area, be sure to drop me a line.

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Downloadable version available at website, or if you really want me to send you one, send me your address, maybe a stamp too. I enjoy getting mail as much as I enjoy sending mail. Of course, I have no idea what my address may be at this point....

1 November 2006

Some spiffy new gloves
Warmer hands while out riding
Now my legs are cold

25 November 2006

After some hard work
My living room is now bare
The upstairs is next

26 November 2006

Velvet mist pours down
A damp grey November day
Winter holds a bit

27 November 2006

A beerless Waldo
Is there anything more sad?
The Universe weeps.

28 November 2006

End of an era
Time passing at ISU
Flows for me no more

29 November 2006

Good bye, my fair pod
All my stuff I shall not see
'Til Ypsilanti

30 November 2006

My oven survived
For five years without cleaning
Yet I clean it now

19 November 2006

Mom's Cinnamon Rolls
A tasty treat from back home
Have some with coffee

20 November 2006

Flurry of boxes
Most of my books are away
Sad book shelves abound

21 November 2006

Important stuff box
Things I must not lose track of
Essentials of life

22 November 2006

Flutter of boxes
Bringing order to chaos
My life in small cubes

23 November 2006

Thanksgiving alone
A feast among the boxes
Not as good as home

24 November 2006

Goodbye my fair couch
Away in Ypsilanti
I will next see you

2 November 2006

Fly to Ann Arbor
I arrive after midnight
Planes make me sleepy

3 November 2006

Michigan likes me
They have offered me a job
I think I'll accept

4 November 2006

A growl of thunder
Rampaging waters swirl
The toilet goes flush

5 November 2006

Dance of the hours
One becomes two becomes three
As clock hands gyre

6 November 2006

Great grimacing gears
Knashing and tearing metal
Tin parts, can opened

7 November 2006

Little night lite shine
Alone in the night, your bulb
Keeps away the dark

8 November 2006

Colocation found
My machines will have a home
I need to find one.

9 November 2006

I am moving soon
Must enjoy all of Ames that
I then will not have

10 November 2006

Six years has been fun
But Michigan calls to me
I must heed its song.
My last day will be
November the Twenty-eighth
Two-thousand and six

11 November 2006

Putz around Des Moines
Waldo seeks an apartment
And finds Mars Cafe

12 November 2006

Lights on the tower
Beating out an endless tune
Beacon to the sky

13 November 2006

New computer parts
I put together a box
To send off to Flint

14 November 2006

My pod arrives
I fill it with heavy crap
Next life: collect stamps

15 November 2006

Dear AT and T
Your website does not like me
I do not like it

16 November 2006

The Loch Laverne swans
Floating on slimy waters
Beauty above filth

17 November 2006

Old crumbling brick wall
Squishy clay becomes hard rock
Which time turns to dust

18 November 2006

My empty garage
Floor I have not seen for years
Now can see the light