

# HAIKU A DAY

Sixth Anniversary Issue

A gentle burble

A metal monster's tummy

Cleans my dirty clothes

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Six years down, eh? That's nearly thirty-seven thousand syllables, over two thousand haikus, and untold numbers of times I've sat at a coffee shop or at the laundromat putting together that month's issue of HAD.

Last month was also a spectacular month. Aside from making it through another birthday (if 30 is the new 21, then 33 is the new 24, but most 24 year olds only wish they were as awesome as this) I had a great vacation driving out and hanging out for six days in New York City. And, frankly, I've been bitten by the bug (and not a bed bug — I checked for those!) It's my goal to live there by this time next year, and it awoke in me the gumption to actually look for a new job. Is it a hairbrained scheme? Absolutely. But sometime you gotta take the hairbrained schemes and see where they go....

Until next month, enjoy.

— Thomas

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1 July 2011

O Canada Day!

I celebrate with poutine

And Moxy Fruvous

30 July 2011

Plans for these last days

Foolishly made; why did I

Think they would get done?

31 July 2011

Try to do dishes

Getting through the stacking phase

I fail at washing



Old Subway Station Sign, New York Transit Museum  
New York City

<http://kula.tproa.net/photos/2011/07/20110720-nyctrip/>

23 July 2011

Davey Wavey sits  
Beside an ancient needle  
Roasting in the sun

24 July 2011

A Manhattan pit  
Is famous for bike polo  
I visit with folks

25 July 2011

I'm on a ferry!  
To each borough I journey  
And then get coffee

26 July 2011

Last walk, Central Park  
Retrieve my car, New Jersey  
And start the ride home

27 July 2011

The journey a week  
Twelve-hundred fifty miles  
What a time it was

28 July 2011

My house a right mess  
But I'm still on vacation  
So who gives a fuck?

29 July 2011

A lazy morning  
A quiet lunch at Beezy's  
Ugly Mug, then nap

2 July 2011

Ten hours, and five  
Driving, time in Grand Rapids  
Hang out with zine friends

3 July 2011

Why two pounds of peas?  
Why not use three pounds of peas?  
That sounds good to me.

4 July 2011

Could the pea salad  
Just not want to get eaten?  
Damn food poisoning

5 July 2011

This day, sleepy haze  
And no appetite, defined  
It passes quickly

6 July 2011

That color is blue.  
I don't care for fancy names,  
That color is blue.

7 July 2011

Where are your headlights?  
Cars coming at me should be  
Very brightly lit.

8 July 2011

There, a blinky light  
Let's the world know something *is*  
Does anyone see?

9 July 2011

Craving some baked goods  
I have an oatmeal muffin  
Tasty and fiber

10 July 2011

I hate buying shoes  
They never have what I want  
This goes for clothes too

11 July 2011

A crack in the sky  
Losing their bottoms, the clouds  
Rain down upon us

12 July 2011

As I leave, mats come  
Much work when I get back here  
But now, conference

13 July 2011

A book warrior  
Devoutly guards his building  
No unknowns will pass

14 July 2011

Late walk, Central Park  
City explodes above me  
I am mesmerised

15 July 2011

Delta: Always late  
Chillin' at Newark Airport  
What more can I say?

16 July 2011

Twelve hours of heat  
Shadow Art Fair at Corner  
Luckily there's beer

17 July 2011

Oversleep, Mom calls,  
I get out of bed, craving  
Waffles with syrup

18 July 2011

Concur travel thing  
Must be written by morons  
Who thought this was good?

19 July 2011

Why call it hanger?  
It doesn't hang anything,  
It should be hunger.

20 July 2011

State College PA  
In the middle of nowhere  
Surrounded by hills

21 July 2011

Back in NYC  
I can't wait to explore here  
If just a few days

22 July 2011

Old subway station  
A museum to the past  
Trains make me happy