

HAIKU A DAY

Outside the window

A room which does not exist

Seen only at night

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I forgot to say something here last month, and only noticed after printing out 40 of these things. Damn brain, be less dum.

— Thomas

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Download this and previous HADs at the website, so you can print out your own (DIY, yeah!) or if you want me to send you one, send me your address, and maybe a stamp if you are feeling nice. Or send me something you've made — trades always appreciated, postcards are nice too.

1 January 2012

The bare cold new year
Expectant, all before us
Twelve months with promise

2 January 2012

Vow to eat oatmeal
More fiber and nutrition
These things fill my mind

3 January 2012

The bitter Hudson
A torrent of cold air blasts
Doors of a warm place

Lentil Escarole Soup

Adapted from the *Post Punk Kitchen* website

You will need:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 med. onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 4 small carrots, chopped
- 1-1/2 c. green lentils, sorted and rinsed
- 1 14.5 oz can of peeled chopped tomatoes, low sodium
- 1 head escarole, washed completely, large stalky bits removed, chopped

Note: If you saved the liquid from a batch of Glorious Kale from last month, use it for part of the water in this recipe.

Sweat the onions, garlic and carrots in olive oil until tender. Add the lentils and tomatoes, and 9 cups of water (or sone). Bring to a boil, then simmer for 45 minutes. Add the escarole and nutritional yeast, cook for five or so more minutes.

Freezes well, tasty with croutons.

25 January 2012

Like a tie-dye flag
Sharp color points in a row
Pins on a push board

26 January 2012

An old man razor
Is hard to find in this town
The blades — everywhere

27 January 2012

How much paint? Or rust?
What is the fire escape
Really made up of?

28 January 2012

Window, just open
In sneaks the breeze, curtain flits
The wind is now seen

29 January 2012

Today I want cake
And yet there is no cake here
Where is the cake, man?

30 January 2012

In ephemera
Are stories that history
Needs to remember

31 January 2012

Glass of water full
Covers pulled back, pillow fluffed
Now it's time for bed

4 January 2012

Accustomed rumble
At night, I hear the subway
Lulling me to sleep

5 January 2012

You fool many folks
With fake quote attributions.
Always works. – Mark Twain

6 January 2012

Yearning for more sleep
Stumbling through the day, only
Wide awake at night

7 January 2012

Books of history
Of cities I no longer
Walk the streets of home

8 January 2012

A magic jar is
Necessary if you want
To store gumptions.

9 January 2012

Look at the toothbrush
“How did it get here”, I think.
Morning, too early

10 January 2012

The battery, weak
The laptop, warning me it's
Time to go to sleep

11 January 2012

Regular craters
Containing a gooey mass
Waffles, so perfect

12 January 2012

Raspy hacking cough
Why haven't you left with the
Rest of my damn cold?

13 January 2012

With Winter so weak
I am done with it; crave Spring,
And the warmth it brings

14 January 2012

A river of air
Bracing, splashing off buildings
Birds swimming above

15 January 2012

Starting a big list:
"Things I Need To Get Rid Of"
At the top: Old Socks

16 January 2012

A list of errands
Running all over the place
Glad when it is done

17 January 2012

Wind monsters howling
Scream outside my apartment
Trying to break in

18 January 2012

From the bookcase taunts
Calculus Made Easy — and
What I've forgotten

19 January 2012

Slowest train ever
Trudging to 168
Late to work today

20 January 2012

Standard Friday night
Movie playing, on the couch
Takeaway Chinese

21 January 2012

The ravine divides
The place where I am from the
Whiskey hot cocoa

22 January 2012

Productive cleaning
The apartment tidied up
Who the hell am I?

23 January 2012

Energy today
But will it last the whole week?
Only time will tell

24 January 2012

The dispatcher says
Stay there for a little bit—
Stand clear of the doors