

**Haiku Anthology**  
**Inspired by a walk around the eastern**  
**boundary of the 1666 Great Fire, London**  
**1 September 2016**  
**First Thursday: Haiku on foot**  
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St Dunstan's in the East - rumour has it

Someone from afar  
 Soft footed and secretly  
 Set timber aflame

Waxy magnolia  
 Foliage and singed spire  
 Memories of fire

Golden hour  
 A courtyard  
 The change in sound

God and Pineapples!  
 A Great Fire in London ??  
 Has to be rumours!

Young ladies chatting  
 Sharing their latest conquests  
 Setting beaus alight

St Olave's churchhall - headlines  
 Hot footed to Whitehall  
 Sam Pepys blurted to the King  
 To save his, or others?  
 Pepys' grave close here  
 To think commuters pass by  
 Without thought or care

Opposite Lloyds building - Insurance  
 Accident occurred?  
 You pay insurance dearly  
 Company pays small  
 We all need cover  
 A Phoenix-like rescue plan  
 Life's a premium  
 Industry of fear  
 Born out of bakery buns  
 The world is changing

St Olave's churchhall - headlines  
 Panic setting in,  
 Pepys walking through seething heat,  
 At the mercy of  
 The elements  
 Fire  
 Charred seam  
 In the layer cake of London  
 Boudicca  
 Fire  
 Setting the mind alight  
 New ideas  
 Today  
 Olave's fell  
 All souls sang out for savours  
 Singeing ash  
 Throttlin'

St Olave's churchhall - headlines

Boiling, burning wind  
 Three days continuously  
 Nought left to consume

Fire, fire everywhere  
 Covering Metro's front page  
 Till it got singed

London cremated  
 Smoke inhalation fears rise  
 Papist plot mooted

Pepys says boiling wax  
 Is putting the Tower at risk  
 Make a fire-break now!

Turn your heating off!  
 Big Sammy P is on it  
 It is well hot though...

St Dunstan's in the East - rumour has it

Plenty whispering  
 Rumours spreading everywhere  
 Bets on - Whodunnit?

What's cooking in there?  
 A Papist plot, say the Prots  
 I think it's supper...

They say there's loads dead  
 They say the arsonist was a  
 Damn Papist French-bread.

Thought I'd given it!  
 Been sizzling in the heatwave  
 No sign of fire, though!

Pub people? Locals?  
 Truth is no one really knows...  
 It just won't go out.

**First Thursday: Haiku on foot**

What's it all about?

In celebration of creativity on foot

To contribute to  
 National Poetry Day  
 6 October 2016

On the First Thursday  
 of every month between  
 February to October  
 people came together to  
 walk, talk, write and recite haiku

Conceived by Andrew Stuck

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- AK Risk-adversity  
Are you burning your money?  
Or, comfort blanket?
- AN All I know has changed  
I have no compensation  
Everything is gone
- AP King Mud have done it  
He had shares in insurance  
So he's the culprit
- AQ Contingency? Cash!  
An Accident? Bonus Time!  
But what's left for me?
- C Don't take risks with life  
Don't be a slave to fortune  
We will insure you

Opposite Lloyds building - Insurance

- QQ On reflecting up  
Cain's contingency outward  
Phoenix burning up
- Z Whatever peril  
Insurance available  
Thank London's Great Fire
- AH Walkie Talkie building - with our belonging  
I'd just run like hell  
Possessions aren't important  
My health comes first!
- AI & C Rush to get it all  
Tools, sheets, tally sticks too - oh!  
Grab the baby quick
- AJ, AQ & AR I don't need the key.  
Loaf of bread and my big boots  
Is it only me??

Walkie Talkie building - with our belonging

- AK & AO Holding babe in arms,  
I keep my memories close  
Forsaking all else
- AN & AL In a fire now  
The church won't save me  
Music will
- AN Grab my belongings  
Take ev'rything I can 'cos  
The church won't save me
- AP & AQ Eeny meany mins  
You carry yours, I'll take mine  
Follow me to church
- QQ A cookbook heirloom  
Accordion serenade  
The boatman to escape

Walkie Talkie building - with our belonging

- Z Wife, cat, spectacles  
Damn! Forgot the tally stick  
We'll work our passage
- AH Monument - 3 lines to contain the Great Fire  
Unknown arsonist  
Monumental disaster  
Insurance was born
- AI It was the baker  
The poor bloke doing his job  
Hist'ry burnt, yet made
- AK Dancing wax and fire  
Pyromanic Pied Piper  
Thomas Farriner

Oh dear, a blank page  
 Did we run out of haiku?  
 So it would appear

Monument - 3 lines to contain the Great Fire

Classic whodunnit  
 Guilty faces all around  
 But who was to blame?

Solving the puzzle  
 Not as easy as it seems  
 All who know are gone

Who burnt London town?  
 A foggy firebrand, or dozy  
 Thomas Farriner.

Hubbub Kachinging  
 Glugging drugging ubering  
 Pff sizzle it goes

Hot-footed challenge  
 In just a 3 line poem  
 Contain the Great Fire

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