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A zine anthology of haiku inspired by a walk in Queen's Wood, Highbury



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The *Museum of Walking* is a family run business that develops walking productions with a *creative twist*.

Our events often include a mix of drawing, bricolage and learning, with our focus on making them creative using walking as the art form.

Participants come and explore an area, meet others, to learn something new together. The 'art is in taking part' which we call '*walking creatively*'.

The event that inspired the haiku in this zine was funded by *The Mayor of London* as part of *London Tree Week 2017*.

## Haiku on Foot

A light-hearted participatory creative writing walkshop (walking workshop) to compose, recite and publish haiku while discovering some intriguing things about trees.

In celebration of creativity on foot!

If you enjoy this zine please join a future walkshop and spread the word to family, friends and colleagues.

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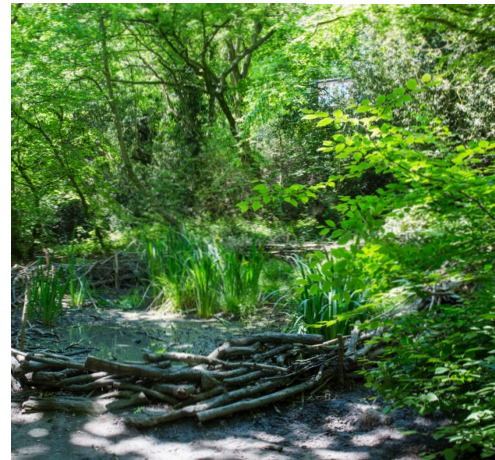
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*more haikus to be revealed on the reverse*

## Haiku Woods



Light and Darkness

When a great tree falls  
It fills the wood with new light  
In death we are life

Through the canopy  
Rays of light illuminate  
The dry naked earth

A circle of trees  
Inside, warmth and bright green light  
Outside, dark deepens

Dancing spots of sky  
Images dance in my head  
Shadows dance on trunks

A Canopy Climber  
Spring, wandering gypsy twirl  
Bye-mud they roll

Far away blue sky  
Gravity of dusty earth  
Keeps people on ground

## Haiku to include 'The Bats of Queen's Wood'

The bats of Queen's Wood  
Natterer and Daubenton  
Catch bugs in the dark

The bats of Queen's Wood  
You can sometimes see fly high  
Like darkness in light

The bats of Queen's Wood  
Imagining you fly high  
Dark, dusk soon to be

The bats of Queen's Wood  
Silent in today's sunlight  
Noisier at dusk

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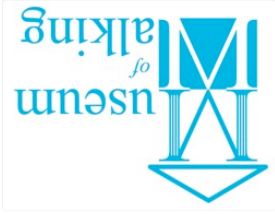
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Haiku Woods



Thanks for looking inside

## Light and Darkness

Through green dense woods there  
Far away, a bay window  
My sleeping beauty  
[K]

Hedge lined avenue  
Drew us through the darkness  
It light, it ran out  
[Z]

Panelled filtered light  
Patterns in our back gardens  
Green darkened leaves  
[Z]



Childhood memories of playing in the woods

Childhood forest  
Thick with bear traps and parrots  
Until its home time  
[E]  
Curious crows check  
The woods of old, roots scarred  
by winter torrents  
[E]

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*this is the inside - switch me around to reveal my outside*

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The light beams shine bright  
Along narrow memory lane  
Days of joys - wonder

[H]  
Layers of hubbub  
Pleasingly presented in  
A tree explosion  
[J]

How could this exist?  
An old piano in the woods  
And I, then a child

[K]  
I'll be Han Solo  
You were always Sky-Walker  
Play, a universe  
[N]

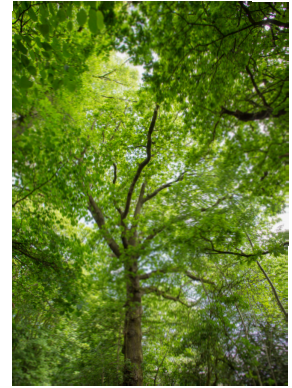
Walking in the woods  
With Mum and Dad singing tunes  
I think time stopped  
[O]

Ten heads pondering,  
Leaves above fixed securely -  
Until release comes  
[J]

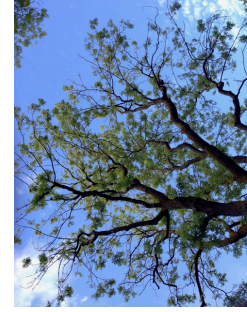
Warm walk in the woods  
Meeting old friends, and new ones  
And writing haiku  
[E]

The pond is for frogs  
Dear owners, please keep it a  
Dog free area  
[E]

Poetry races  
How do you know when you have won?  
Dog free area  
[Z]



Summer holidays  
Sun-baked pavement games  
Jubbly fest and joy  
[V]  
Is birdsong chorus  
Similar to picnickers?  
Blanket chattering  
[Z]



Frog pond - Dog free area

Bats are sleeping  
Haiku circle a'writing  
Dog free area  
[A]

No frogs, No birds fly  
People facing the sun write  
Dog free area  
[H]