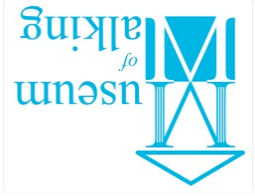


A zine anthology of haiku inspired by a walk in Vauxhall

Hidden Garden Haiku



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**'.

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Who took part and contributed haiku:

*more haikus to be revealed on the reverse*

**Haiku on Foot**

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

[A]  
 Here amidst urban clutter  
 Traffic, trains, noise, chat  
 Donkeys calmly feed

[B]  
 Never ending cycle  
 Slowly plodding on  
 Sniff, chew, grunt, snort, stop, start, shit

[C]  
 From their high windows  
 The great and powerful see  
 Small donkeys grazing

[D]  
 Night and day balances equal  
 Earth choked by concrete  
 Chestnuts or conkers  
 Mind they fall from high above  
 Also underfoot

[Z]  
 Newly planted trees  
 Border a path across park  
 Each behind fencing

**Hidden Garden Haiku  
 Vauxhall**

Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens

Introductions

Sara, Stella, Mel  
 And Mavis led by Andrew  
 Compose in the parks  
 [A]

In the gardens

There are ghosts about -  
 Dandies, ladies, sad babies  
 Mid new trees and flowers  
 [A]

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Thanks for looking inside

### Vauxhall City Farm

Vauxhall City Farm  
Small home enclosed by wire  
To be wild and free  
[D]

Donkeys draw the crowd  
Non-plussed they both graze on straw  
Snorting noisily  
[Z]

Strong odour lingers  
Sensory cacophony  
Jets and trains rumble  
[Z]

### Sharing a line from another poet

It's Thursday morning!  
Let's meet at Vauxhall station  
Urban adventure  
[A]

Bee, buzz pollinate  
Noisy traffic dissects calm  
Focus Mel. Be still  
[B]

A birdsong tweeting  
Noisy traffic dissects calm  
I can't hear the bird  
[Z]

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

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### Harleyford Road Community Garden

Passage through a house  
Leads from one magic garden  
To another Eden  
[A]

An unknown corner  
Familiar to loud parrots  
And shimmering palms  
[A]

Death in winter shoots  
Awakening of new fruit  
Blossoming abound  
[B]

Footprints through the square,  
Hidden from sight and timeless  
Resting I ponder  
[D]

In a small garden  
Flags from Ladakh carry hope  
Humanity blooms  
[D]

Stroll Bonington Square  
Many front garden delights  
I calmly admire  
[Z]  
Surprise and wonder  
Discovered a new garden  
Accessed through a house  
[Z]

### Bonington Square garden

Is this London's most  
charmed garden discovery?  
Think it's hard to beat.  
[Z]

Here crisp thistle stars  
There a lush banana tree  
Lit by yew lamps' glow  
[A]

I sit on a swing  
Surveying the scene, thinking  
How lucky I am!  
[A]

Hidden oasis  
opens into garden square  
Contemplation time  
[B]

Lush green abundance  
A single bright dahlia  
Grows in a tin bucket  
[C]

Autumn fruits abound  
Tiled path leads to winter  
Nights bleak and longing  
[D]

Thistle teases me  
Japanese anemone  
Illuminating  
[B]